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33 on trial for plotting to topple govt

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THIRTY-THREE people accused of plotting to topple the Kuwaiti government will be tried by the State Security Court. Twenty of the accused will appear in court, while the remaining 13, who are absconding, will be tried in absentia.

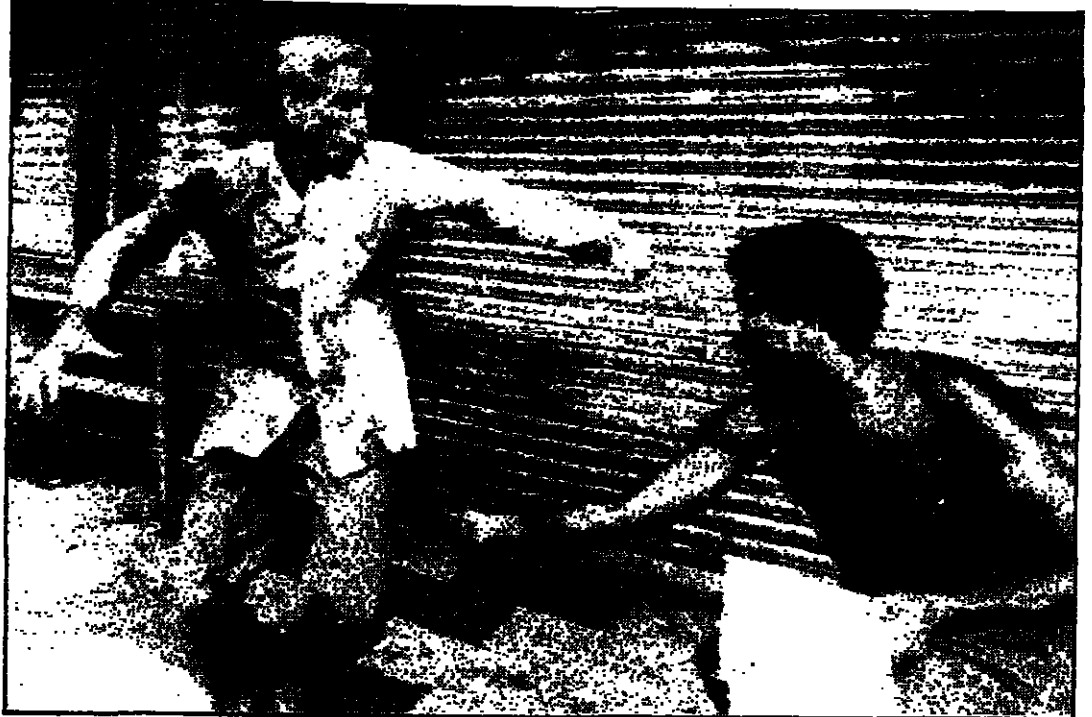
The first hearing will open today. Among the 20 appearing today are Kuwaitis, two Iraqis, two Lebanese, one stateless person and one Briton of Lebanese origin.

During the entire session the accused will be kept in two separate enclosures in the court-room.

The procedure in the court will be as follows: the judge will be present and will call the names of each defendant and his respective charges will be read out to him. The defendant will then be asked as to how he pleads. Defence lawyers if they desire might petition the court that the case be tried in camera. "If the judge agrees to the request, the court will be cleared of all public and the case will be tried in a closed session," a source said.

Stringent security measures will be enforced in and around the court premises. Only those possessing official passes including relatives of the accused, lawyers of the defendants and reporters will be permitted to

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Opposition vice-presidential candidate Calderon pleads (right) with a Panamanian soldier after being beaten-up (left) by pipe-wielding government supporters. (Reuters wirephoto)



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US sends extra troops to Panama

Endara, Calderon severely beaten

PANAMA CITY, May 12. (Agencies). The first of 1,881 new US troops were flown to Panama today, a day after US President George Bush ordered them there in the wake of an elections crisis.

Bush yesterday also recalled US Ambassador Arthur Davis to protest the annulling of Sunday's election and the beating of the opposition presidential and vice-presidential candidates by supporters of de facto ruler Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

The crisis convulsing this strategically important country occurred after the government halted the counting of ballots Wednesday after claiming its presidential candidate, hand-picked by Noriega, held a 2-1 lead.

A team of international observers said the opposition presidential candidate, Guillermo Endara, had won by a 3-to-1 landslide despite widespread fraud.

Endara, who was severely beaten Wednesday during a street protest by a group of thugs wielding two-by-fours and metal pipes, remained hospitalised today.

Several hundred US diplomatic and military families yesterday packed up emergency supplies of clothing and treasured keepsakes to seek refuge in one of the 10 American military bases.

Opposition vice-presidential candidate Ricardo Arias Calderon, who also was beaten Wednesday, called the sending in of American troops "a US policy provoked by Noriega and not sought by us." It was not clear if the opposition favoured the additional troops.

The soldiers and Marines were sent with a directive to protect American lives and property.

The first units were scheduled to be deployed on US military installations in Panama by late Friday afternoon, a Pentagon spokeswoman said.

Army riflemen from Fort Ord, California, were the first to leave, flying out of nearby Travis Air Force Base in the pre-dawn hours. Later, on the other side of the country, 165 assault Marines from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, boarded C-5 military air transports bound for Panama with 18 light armoured vehicles.

The 1,881 soldiers and Marines will join 10,300 military personnel already on 10 US installations in Panama.

Panama's defence forces, headed by Noriega, number about 15,000.

Panamanian government television said yesterday the troop deployment is "within the framework of the aggressive policy" of the United States.

The Panamanian government said it nullified the results because American meddling, among other factors, made it impossible to declare a winner.

At a news conference from which American news organisations were barred, a Panamanian official said there were no plans for new elections.

Protests over fraud and the nullification of the results poured in from many countries, including such Latin neighbours as Argentina, Peru, Venezuela, Brazil, Ecuador, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Bolivia.

Mexico immediately recalled its ambassador in Panama for consultations.

Cuban radio yesterday warned of "unavoidable and explosive reactions in Panama if the United States intervened militarily."

Vessel chased infiltrators

Search for missing gunboat

KUWAIT, May 12. (AP). A Coast Guard gunboat with a six-member crew has gone missing after chasing a vessel with infiltrators on board out of Kuwaiti territorial waters, two dailies reported today.

The newspapers said Coast Guard patrols supported by Air Force helicopters were searching for the boat and its crew, missing since Tuesday.

Communication between the boat and the Coast Guard headquarters was cut off when the vessel was in high sea after chasing the infiltrators out of Kuwaiti territorial waters, the newspapers said citing unnamed security sources.

Soviets propose four-party talks

Israel has nuclear-tipped missiles

MOSCOW, May 12. (Agencies). The Soviet Union has proposed that the superpowers meet Israel and the PLO in four-party talks on the Middle East, an official spokesman said.

Meanwhile, a periodical disclosed that Israel has at least a dozen nuclear-tipped missiles.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze made the four-party suggestion on Wednesday during the opening day of talks with US Secretary of State James Baker, spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said.

He said the idea was not intended to supplant a long-standing Soviet call for a United Nations-organised international peace conference on the Middle East, but was made as an additional suggestion.

Syrians bombard Christians

Superpowers call for Beirut truce

MOSCOW, May 12. (Agencies). The Soviet Union and the United States yesterday called for a ceasefire in Lebanon.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze called the superpower appeal important, but said the Soviets were disappointed it didn't go further.

The statement "was the best we could come up with," Shevardnadze told reporters, indicating the Americans had opposed more active stance.

The document was issued at the end of US Secretary of State James Baker's first visit to Moscow, during which he held talks with the Soviet Foreign Minister and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

As distributed by the Soviet news agency Tass, the joint statement urged all belligerents in Lebanon to cease hostilities, and supports a proposal from the Arab League that says a ceasefire should first be consolidated as a basis for national dialogue and reconciliation in Lebanon.

The United States and Soviet Union "are prepared to provide good offices so that, jointly with other states, they may promote a political solution to the problem of Lebanon, taking into consideration the interests of all sides," the statement said.

The superpowers support "Lebanon's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity," it said.

Shevardnadze told a news conference at the end of Baker's two-day visit that the US-Soviet statement was designed to "put an end to bloodshed in Lebanon," but indicated some disappointment at its wording.

Lebanon's warring Christian and Muslim factions agreed yesterday to halt their artillery duels which have killed over 350 people in the past two months.

But many Beirut residents, still numbering over a million after a mass exodus to escape the worst artillery battles in 14 years of civil war, remained sceptical of how long the truce would last.

The Arab League team, headed by League assistant Secretary-General Lakhdar Brahimi spent today shuttling between west and east Beirut in a bid to consolidate the ceasefire.

Guns in Syrian-controlled West Beirut breached the ceasefire hours after it went into effect by firing a salvo of rockets into the Christian east of the city. They killed a woman and her five-year-old daughter as they sat with their family watching television.

Beirutis were awoken at dawn today by a 45-minute bombardment. Christian radio stations said the shells hit the Christian coastline near the ancient town of Jubail.

A statement purportedly signed by an Iranian-backed extremist group that holds two American hostages warned yesterday against the deployment of Arab observers to monitor the latest ceasefire yesterday.

"If Israel and the PLO could get together at the negotiating table this would be the most important step," Gerasimov told a news conference on Wednesday evening.

"Why not try to organise a meeting of Israel, representatives of the PLO and representatives of the Soviet Union and the United States for four-sided talks?"

Neither Gerasimov nor US officials reported Baker's response, although Gerasimov said the Americans reaffirmed their position that the time was not right for an international Middle East peace conference.

A US official said Shevardnadze had agreed that an Israeli proposal for elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip was "worthy of attention," but he said a number of points remained unclear.

Officials said they had reiterated the US view that Moscow should take steps including restoring full diplomatic relations with Israel to earn the right to an active role in the Middle East.

The Soviet side gave "an encouraging but not definite response" to that proposal, said one official who asked not to be identified.

Gerasimov said the proposed elections could not replace an international conference, and that there were questions about who would take part in the balloting.

Palestinian leaders in the occupied territories have rejected elections under Israeli rule.

Israel now has at least a dozen Jericho II missiles fitted with nuclear warheads, a well-informed periodical disclosed yesterday.

"Defence and Foreign Affairs Weekly, published in Washington, said about 15 of Israel's 30 (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

Girl, 15, dies

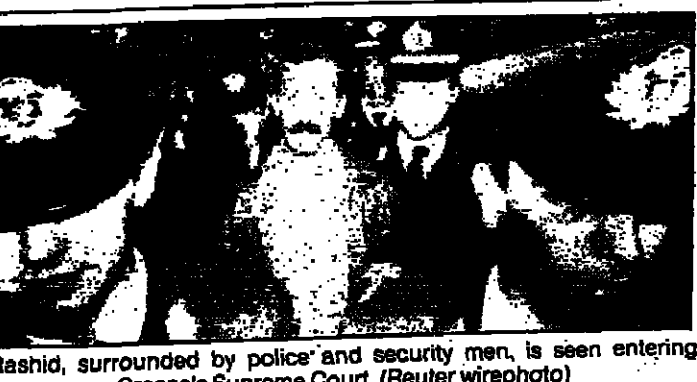
Life ends in flame

ABU DHABI, May 12. (UPI). A 15-year-old Indian has committed suicide by setting herself on fire after becoming "despondent" over her marriage to a 70-year-old man, United Arab Emirates newspapers reported.

Public prosecutor Hassan Abu Al Rughia was quoted by the Dubai-based Khaleej Times the girl, who was not identified, "soaked her clothes in kerosene and set herself alight."

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Rashid, surrounded by police and security men, is seen entering Greece's Supreme Court. (Reuters wirephoto)

500 warheads to be withdrawn

Soviet cuts welcomed

Tear down iron curtain: Bush

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, May 12. (Reuters). President George Bush challenged Moscow today to prove its commitment to better relations by tearing down the iron curtain and agreeing to open its airspace to regular surveillance of its military activities.

Bush reviewed President Dwight Eisenhower's 1955 proposal of "open skies," under which both the United States and the Soviet Union would open their airspace to unarmed surveillance flights.

"Such unprecedented territorial access would show the world the meaning of openness. The very Soviet willingness to embrace such a concept would reveal their commitment to change," he said in remarks prepared for delivery at Texas A&M University.

In his first major speech on East-West relations as President, Bush also called on Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to explicitly renounce the Brezhnev doctrine under which Moscow claims the right to intervene in the internal affairs of its East European allies.

Bush said he was impressed by the political and economic reforms pursued by Gorbachev.

"Mr Gorbachev, don't stop now," he declared.

Bush, who has been accused by Moscow of foot-dragging by delaying on arms reductions talks while awaiting the results of an internal policy review, declared it was time for "a new (US) policy for the 1990s — one that recognises the full scope of change taking place around the world, and in the Soviet Union itself."

artillery pieces by 47,000, a US official said.

In Britain Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, who opposes talks on SNF in Europe, said Gorbachev's offer was welcome.

"But it is a proposal to withdraw warheads which could, of course, be returned again," Baker conceded that in

Aquinos rally for Marcos opponent

MANILA, May 12. (AP). President Corazon Aquino's relatives joined mayors and other officials in a rally in front of the US embassy today demanding US charges against an American opponent of Ferdinand Marcos be dropped.

An American diplomat greeted the demonstrators as they arrived at the embassy gates. Sen Agapito Aquino, Mrs Aquino's brother-in-law, handed the diplomat a letter asking that charges of conspiracy to transport explosives be dropped against Steve Painskis.

Painskis, married to a member of one of the country's most prominent families, is accused of conspiring to transport explosives from Missouri to California in 1981.

A suspected communist rebel has admitted taking part in last month's killing of an American colonel, but investigators have doubts about the confession, military officials said today.

Two senior officers today recommended the government take harsher measures against communist rebels.

Call to defer decision on PLO membership

GENEVA, May 12. (UPI). World Health Organisation (WHO) Director-General Hiroshi Nakajima, rejecting Arab charges that he was taking sides, appealed to member states today to defer a Palestinian request to join the UN agency.

Nakajima intervened in a sometimes angry debate at the WHO annual assembly to ask the 160 participating countries to "do nothing to jeopardize the future of the organisation."

The Japanese head of WHO said a proposal by neutral countries to defer the issue until next year's assembly represented "a compromise and a consensus."

The twice-postponed debate became entangled in a procedural jungle with demand and counter-demands and point-of-order flying concerning the deferral draft resolution.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation is prepared to finance WHO's Africa operations if the United States withdraws from the organisation, a PLO spokesman said today.

The Soviet Union will vote against the PLO bid for immediate membership of the WHO, a senior Palestinian diplomat was quoted.

The United States said on Wednesday it strongly opposed giving the PLO full membership in UNESCO.

Pan Am bombing

Finger pointed at Iran

WASHINGTON, May 12. (Reuters). The Central Intelligence Agency has concluded Iran was behind the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 last December that killed 270 people, a US counter-terror official said yesterday.

He said the CIA had determined Iran recruited members of the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command (PFLP-GC) to carry out the attack but that there was not enough evidence to seek a criminal indictment of those responsible.

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Syria will not oppose

KUWAIT, May 12. (Reuters). A Syrian minister was quoted yesterday as saying Damascus would not oppose Egypt's return to Arab organisations which suspended its membership a decade ago for making peace with Israel.

"I think no Arab could be against Egypt's return to Arab organisations. Egypt is a fellow Arab state," the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) quoted Syrian Oil Minister Mtanios Habib as saying.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has set four "difficult" conditions for accepting a visit to Damascus by a ranking Palestinian delegation, Arab diplomatic sources were quoted by a local daily as saying.

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Secord lying: charge

WASHINGTON, May 12. (Agencies): Retired Air Force General Richard Secord was accused in a new indictment yesterday of lying by telling congressional committees that he did not stand to profit by covertly running arms in the Iran-Contra scandal.

The nine-count indictment, promptly denounced by Secord's lawyers as "vindictive" and unfair, marked the first prosecution for alleged false testimony during televised, summer-long hearings in 1987 by the congressional Iran-Contra panels.

Secord already faces six felony charges.

The indictment accuses Secord, who testified without immunity as the lead witness, of concealing from the house and Senate panels "the true facts" about profits he stood to reap from an "enterprise" he established to funnel arms shipments to Iran and the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

Secord acknowledged at the time that the private network was created, at the direction of former White House aide Oliver North, to circumvent a congressional ban on official US military assistance to the rebels.

Aide to Wright resigns

WASHINGTON, May 12. (Reuters): House Speaker Jim Wright, under investigation by a congressional ethics committee for his financial dealings, has lost a key aide amid a scandal over the adviser's attack on a woman 16 years ago.

The resignation yesterday of John Mack, a key adviser to Wright on legislation and policy, came one week after the Washington Post published a lengthy story about Mack's attack on a 20-year-old female stranger in 1973 when he was 19.

Although many House members knew of Mack's crime, the publicity caused by the Post story added to the problems plaguing Wright, who is fighting charges that he used royalties from a book to circumvent House limits on outside income and that he and his wife had profited from favourable business deals with friends.

Wright comes behind Vice President Dan Quayle in succession to President George Bush.

Mack, 35, was one of the most powerful aides in Congress, making nearly \$90,000 a year as executive director of the Democratic steering and policy committee.

Wright, a Texas Democrat, said he had hired Mack as a mail clerk after Mack served 27 months of an eight-year prison sentence for his attack on Pamela Small, now a Washington lobbyist.

But he painted himself as a patriot merely trying to serve his country and said he "forever" any personal profit in assisting North's covert activities.

Independent counsel Lawrence Walsh, who has prosecuted eight people in the scandal, said the indictment was returned by a federal grand jury in the District of Columbia on April 7 but kept under seal until yesterday to avoid prejudicing the North trial that ended last week.

Secord, 56, who became an arms dealer after leaving the Air Force in 1983, was charged with one count of obstruction of justice, seven counts of perjury and one count of making false statements.

Free Palestinians from occupation

LONDON, May 12. (Agencies): A call to "free Palestinians" from Israeli occupation is part of Britain's main opposition Labour Party's new Middle East policy published this week, it was reported today.

According to the document endorsed by the party's National Executive Council "it is essential that the Palestinians be freed from occupation so that they can decide their future in their own way."

However, it also argued that "built-in guarantees" for Israel's security were essential.

The new policy which bears the personal stamp of Labour's foreign affairs spokesman Gerald Kaufman, who is Jewish, recognises the PLO as "the internationally recognised representative of the Palestinian people."

It calls for a peace conference involving Israel, the PLO and Arab countries to be convened by the UN Security Council.

The document also urges Israel to talk to the PLO on the basis of the assurances recently given by the PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

Strengthened by favourable polls, a recent electoral triumph and a move toward scrapping its vote-winning ban-the-bomb policy, the Labour Party is riding high after a decade in the political wilderness.

Labour has lost three successive general elections to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party, partly because its policies created a public perception of a party in thrall to unrealistic left-wing doctrine.

But this week the party leadership

decided to dump the ideology of unilateral nuclear disarmament and adapt Labour's economic policies to the prosperous 1980s.

David Steel, a House of Commons lawbreaker and former leader of the centrist Liberal Party, said Wednesday he will contest an Italian seat in the June 15 elections for the European Parliament.

The domestic Press Association news agency said it would be the first time a leading politician from the country in the 12-nation European Economic Community has stood in another.

Huge march in Yerevan, new clash in Turkmenia

MOSCOW, May 12. (Reuters): Hundreds of thousands of people gathered in the Armenian capital of Yerevan to make fresh demands for border changes in the Soviet Transcaucasus region, an Armenian journalist said today.

Soviet newspapers also reported clashes in the southern republic of Turkmenia between police and young people shouting nationalist slogans and complaining about high-priced goods and services in private co-operatives.

A journalist at the Armenpress news agency in Yerevan said up to 400,000 people had gathered in a central square yesterday to demand the transfer to Armenia of the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh.

He said protesters called for a debate on the issue in both the Armenian Supreme Soviet and the Congress of People's Deputies, the revamped Soviet parliament meeting for the first time later this month.

Participants at the meeting, held with official permission, also repeated demands for the release of 14 members of the banned Karabakh committee, which has led a campaign to secure the return of Nagorno-Karabakh from neighbouring Azerbaijan.

The 14 were detained last December at the height of months of tension over the territory in which 91 people were killed in Armenia and Azerbaijan.

The meeting was the second in less than a week in Yerevan connected with Nagorno-Karabakh as Armenians appeared to be growing increasingly impatient with a Kremlin-appointed committee appointed in January to run the territory.

Some reports said yesterday's meeting heard calls for the resignation of Arkady Volsky, the committee's chairman.

Nagorno-Karabakh was reported calm today two days after armoured vehicles were deployed there to deal with renewed disturbances last week which left seven people injured.



Shields Hope ... ful

Bob Hope (left) and Brooke Shields seen in Paris during a press conference to present their French Bicentennial television special. Bob Hope celebrates the 200th birthday of the French Revolution with a special featuring Shields, John Forsythe, Linda Evans, Sid Caesar and the musical sextet Gipsy Kings at various locations in Paris. (Reuters wirephoto)

Klerk seeks change in political system

Decisions by consensus

JOHANNESBURG, May 12. (AP): National Party leader F.W. de Klerk, expected to become the next president, said today he seeks a "drastically changed" political system in which neither the white minority nor the black majority can dominate.

In his most detailed policy speech since becoming party leader Feb 2, De Klerk told Parliament that establishment of a one-person, one-vote system would lead to black-majority rule, which he termed "totally unacceptable."

But excluding blacks from decision-making, was advocated by the far-right Conservative Party, "would ultimately lead to conflict and revolution that would destroy the very security and freedom of whites which the Conservative Party claims to be protecting," De Klerk said.

He said the National Party sought a system in which decisions were made by consensus. Disputes "should be settled by a fair referee," he said, without elaborating.

"White security can never be built on injustice toward others," he said. "The present situation cannot last indefinitely. Things will have to change drastically and quickly."

De Klerk, 53, became party leader when the post was vacated by President P.W. Botha, who suffered a stroke in January. Botha, head of government since 1978, plans to retire after a general election on Sept. 6, and De Klerk, the Education Minister, is virtually assured of succeeding him.

The National Party is expected to retain its overwhelming majority in the dominant white chamber of Parliament despite challenges from the Conservative Party and the anti-apartheid Democratic Party.

"The Conservative Party stands for a minority government in a South Africa that will, by their own admission, in perpetuity be populated by a majority of people of colour. It is unfair and does not pass the test of justice," De Klerk said.

Dikko has lost his right of asylum in UK

LONDON, May 12. (Reuters): A Nigerian official said today that former Transport Minister Umaru Dikko, who is wanted in Lagos on corruption charges and has lost his right of asylum in Britain, would get fair legal treatment if he returned home. Dikko, who was kidnapped in London in 1984 and narrowly escaped being smuggled back to Lagos in an aircraft crate, says he fears for his life if forced to return to Nigeria.

Duro Onabule, a spokesman for Nigeria's military leader General Ibrahim Babangida, who is currently visiting Britain, said that Dikko would be fairly treated if he returned.

"It may be a military regime, but we follow the due process of law under which an accused person is presumed innocent until found guilty," Onabule said.

Coffin goes half way round the world

SYDNEY, May 12. (Reuters): One thousand relatives and friends turned up for Jag Mohan Singh's funeral in Fiji but the body had been sent on a journey half way round the world by mistake, embarrassed airline officials said today.

After Fiji-born Singh, 60, died in Sydney on April 13 his family arranged for Australia's national carrier Qantas to fly his body home for a traditional funeral.

But when the relatives and friends turned up for the last rites, they were told the ceremony could not go ahead because the body was missing, said the dead man's son, Hamendra Singh.

Cargo handlers at Fiji's Nadi international airport, had failed to find the coffin which was stacked beneath cartons of fresh vegetables on the Qantas flight.

The plane flew on to Tahiti and then to Los Angeles where the coffin was put in the airport warehouse.

Key witness in rape case

NEW YORK, May 12. (UPI): A 13-year-old member of the Central Park gang accused in the rape-slitting of a 28-year-old female jogger has turned up as a key witness in the case, it was revealed on Wednesday.

The revelation came after a hearing in which state Supreme Court Justice Carol Berkman set \$250,000 bail for four of the youths and ordered a mental competency exam for a fifth, Kevin Richardson, 14.

In her unsuccessful request for the teens to be held without bail, assistant district attorney Elizabeth Lederer said a list of damaging statements she said the teens made against a fellow member of the gang, Steve Lopez, 15. She also revealed a new witness.

Cannes festival opens

CANNES, France, May 12. (Agencies): French director Bernard Blier's bizarre film "Trop Belle Pour Toi" (Too Good For You) starring screen idol Gerard Depardieu opened the competition section of the 42nd Cannes International Film Festival today, receiving a warm reception from critics.

Film buffs and movie industry pros paid homage to Charlie Chaplin yesterday as the film festival got under way at this sparkling French Riviera resort.

US seizes Soviet ship

JUNEAU, Alaska, May 12. (Reuters): A Soviet factory fishing trawler has been seized poaching off Alaska for the first time in about five years, the US Coast Guard said yesterday.

Chief petty officer Ed Moreth, a Coast Guard spokesman, said the Novosyolov was boarded on Tuesday after the ship edged four miles (six km) out of an international zone of the Bering Sea and into the US 200-mile (320-km) economic zone off Alaska.

"We caught them with their nets in the water," Moreth said.

Max Gordon, Woody Shaw die

NEW YORK, May 12. (Reuters): Jazz suffered a double blow yesterday as two of the music's major figures, Max Gordon and Woody Shaw, died within 24 hours of each other.

Gordon, the "other after a hard" old age, died after a long, troubled life.

Gordon ran the village Vanguard jazz club in Greenwich village for 43 years, turning it into "the most famous basement in the world." He died yesterday at age 86 and his widow, Lorraine, said the club would be kept open because "Max would be mad if we closed."

Shaw, a hot driving trumpet player who jazz experts rank as one of the greatest of the last 30 years, died on Wednesday night in Bellevue hospital at age 44 of pneumonia.

He had been admitted there in February after a mysterious accident in which he rolled down several sets of stairs to fall in front of an underground train and lose an arm.

He had left the Vanguard on February 28 after hearing drummer Max Roach play and entered a cab to go to New Jersey. The next thing his friends knew he had lost an arm in the accident in Brooklyn and was in a coma in Bellevue.

Secret military satellite

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, May 12. (AP): A Titan rocket Wednesday propelled into space a secret payload believed to be a pair of advanced satellites for world-wide US military and diplomatic communications.

The 16-storey-tall \$65-million Titan 34D roared away from its launch pad at 3:47 pm (1947 GMT) and appeared to be flying normally as it rumbled out the Atlantic ocean through a partly cloudy sky.

Most populous nation

NEW DELHI, May 12. (Reuters): India's population will outstrip China's by the year 2035 if steps are not taken to reduce the annual growth rate of 21 per thousand, a government report said today.

India's population of 807 million is the highest in the world after China's and is rising fast because of longer life expectancy and explosive birth rates in some states.

China has a population of about 1.1 billion.

Robbers robbed by victim

CRICKLADE, England, May 12. (Reuters): A farmer made off with two burglars' getaway car while they were busy robbing his house, police said yesterday.

The two thieves, who had left their key in the ignition, escaped on foot with jewellery from the farmhouse in southern England.

Police valued the car they lost at £1,000 (\$1,660) — five times as much as their loot.

Soviet mole in CIA dies

WASHINGTON, May 12. (Reuters): The Soviet Union's first mole inside the US Central Intelligence Agency died under mysterious circumstances in 1953 after having dinner with then-CIA director Allen Dulles, according to a new book.

40 soldiers killed in rebel raid

MAE SOT, Thailand, May 12. (AP): Karen rebels in Burma killed at least 40 soldiers defending their camp against a government assault near the Thai border, rebel sources said yesterday.

Soviets propose talks

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locally-made Jericho missiles have two-megaton atomic warheads.

The weapons also can carry a chemical load, the newsletter disclosed.

The Jericho — with a range of up to 3,000 kilometres — is considered by many military specialists one of the Mideast's most accurate.

The newsletter added an undisclosed number of the earlier Jericho I, which can hit targets up to 480 km away with conventional or nuclear warheads, are now deployed by Israel.

Meanwhile, the joint Egyptian-Iraqi Badr 2000 programme is reported well advanced.

The Badr 2000, derived from Argentina's Condor II, should have an accurate range of 400 km once it is perfected, Defence and Foreign Affairs Weekly stated.

According to Arab sources, the missile can also hit targets to 600 km with "medium-high" accuracy and those at 1,200 km with "low" accuracy.

Although the weapon is capable of carrying nuclear or chemical warheads, neither Egypt nor Iraq reportedly have the technology now to develop these, the newsletter said.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida: A 15-year-old girl who says she was stood up on prom night now wants to get even: she's suing her date for \$49 and 53 cents for her shoes, flowers and hairdo he never got to see.

Palm Beach Lakes High School junior Marlene Shadd says he called off the date a week before the dance. And besides, he says, he had a good excuse. "She didn't believe me when I told her I fractured my ankle," Shadd said.

The teenagers appeared Wednesday in Palm Beach county court after Tomonora Mangum's mother filed a claim for the cost of the shoes, flowers and hairdo. A \$280 dress with black and white ruffles was returned unworn. (AP)

FRESNO, California: A 13-year-old girl stole \$25,000 from her grandparents and then gave away fistfuls of \$100 bills to her schoolmates for several days in an attempt to buy their friendship, police said Thursday.

The girl's misguided generosity ended Monday when school officials saw her giving away cash. Police turned the case over to the district attorney's office to determine if charges would be filed against the girl, whose identity was withheld.

Nine students at Tenaya Middle School received between \$1,000 and more than \$4,000. The girl also bought two \$500 bicycles for two others and treated other students to free pizzas and soft drinks. An unknown number got various amounts ranging from \$10 to \$100. (UPI)

DUESSELDORF, West Germany: A former secretary in the chancellery's office whose love for a Soviet agent led her to spy for the KGB was sentenced Thursday to six and one-half years in prison.

Elke Falk, 44, was found guilty of passing more than 200 confidential documents to Soviet intelligence agents between 1975 and 1985.

The documents included West German economic reports, government and cabinet minutes, as well as information on NATO maneuvers.

Ms. Falk, who pleaded guilty, said she started spying after falling in love with a KGB agent who recruited her to work for the Soviets.

According to the evidence introduced during the trial, Falk fell in love with a Soviet agent who used the cover name of Gerhard Thiesse. The agent was never caught. (AP)

CARLSBAD, New Mexico: Isolation researcher Stefania Follini still thinks she has two months to go in her underground hideaway when in fact she'll be out of the cave in a couple of weeks.

Ms. Follini, a 27-year-old interior decorator from Arizona on Italy's Adriatic east coast, has been in a cave west of Carlsbad since Jan. 13, completely without sunlight or other ways of measuring time. The only sounds she hears are those of her own voice or her guitar, or an occasional buzzer sounded by researchers in a computer-quipped trailer on the surface.

"The buzzer is just to get her attention," said Rita Franchini, interpreter and spokeswoman for the Italian researchers.

For about four months, the IBM computer terminals in the trailer and the cave have been Follini's only mode of communication as she simulates what it might be like for space travellers isolated without clocks for extended periods away from earth and the sun.

The team keeps track of her temperature, heart rate and blood pressure. They are also testing her blood composition for any hormonal and other chemical changes. (AP)

GENEVA: A blue enamel Easter egg, made by the czars' jeweller Faberge in 1900, sold for 5,280,000 Swiss francs (\$3,124,260) at a Geneva auction late Wednesday, the highest price ever paid for a Russian work of art, according to Christie's, the auctioneer.

Christie's spokeswoman, Katherine Jellen, said it was bought by New York dealer, Daniel Grossman on behalf of an unidentified American collector. The estimate had been 1.5 million francs (\$882,000).

The 9.5-centimetre (four-inch)-high "pine cone" egg, encrusted with diamonds and containing a tiny elephant automaton, was ordered by Russian gold-mining tycoon Alexander Kold, who presented it to his wife. The fate of both is unknown.

It turned up in Paris after the Bolshevik Revolution along with six others Faberge eggs also made for Keld. One is now in the collection of British Queen Elizabeth, two are part of the New York Forbes magazine collection and the others are owned by private American collectors. (AP)

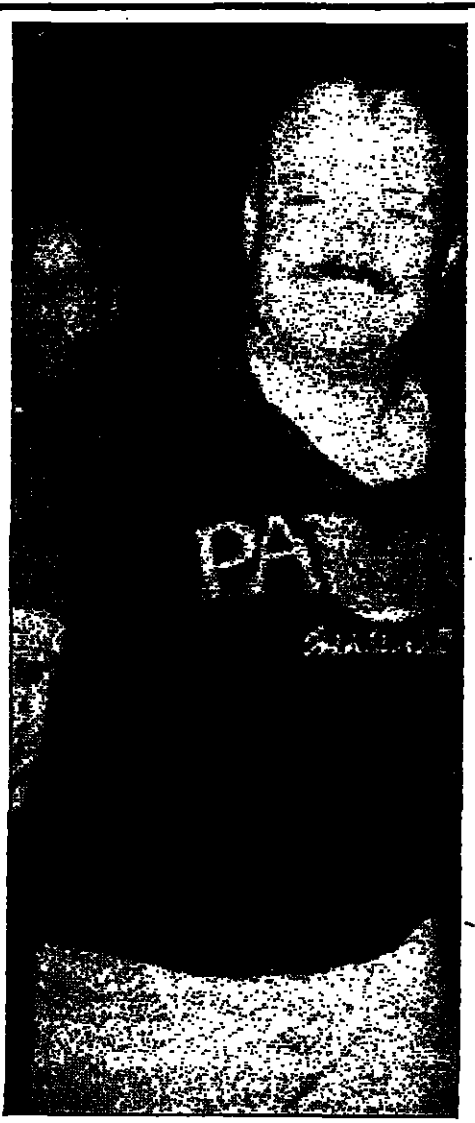
STOCKHOLM: Entertainer, Liza Minnelli has been charged with smuggling for illegally bringing her dog Lilly into Sweden, the court clerk said Thursday.

Criminal charges were filed Wednesday in the district court of Helsingborg, the port where Minnelli brought Lilly into the country last month on a bus during her world tour with Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr.

The court clerk, Ingemar Falkman, said the actress-singer faces a stiff fine because it normally is pegged to income. She refused to speculate on how high it might be.

"We regard smuggling of animals very seriously because of the risk of spreading rabies," Falkman said. Minnelli has denied intentionally violating Sweden's strict quarantine laws, and said she was misinformed. (AP)

TOKYO: A 41-year-old Japanese actress who was foiled four years ago by bad weather and melting ice has become the second woman ever to travel



Flying Rambo

A POSTAL worker was charged in Boston Wednesday with killing his ex-wife, stealing a light plane and taking a wild, acrobatic three-hour flight while strafing downtown skyscrapers and streets with an assault rifle.

Authorities said Alfred Hunter, 42, had only five minutes of fuel left when he landed at Logan International Airport nearly three hours after commandeering a single-engine Cessna 152 at a suburban airport.

Hunter (picture) allegedly flew the plane, with its lights out, under a massive bridge connecting downtown Boston with the northern suburbs, and sprayed the downtown area with gunfire while barely missing office buildings.

A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said there was no record of Hunter holding a current pilot's certificate, but eyewitnesses said his piloting skills were brilliant. (UPI/Reuters wire-photo)

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TOKYO: A 41-year-old Japanese actress who was foiled four years ago by bad weather and melting ice has become the second woman ever to travel

overland to the North Pole, Japanese newspapers reported Thursday.

Quoting sources from her base camp at Resolute, Canada, the papers said Masako Izumi, two other Japanese and two Inuit guides reached the pole Wednesday after a 62-day journey by snowmobile and sled.

"It was a long, four-year ordeal. When I finally reached the pole, I felt that all my strength had left me. It was like a dream," the newspaper Asahi Shimbun quoted her as saying.

Izumi first attempted to trek to the North Pole in 1985. Learning from that attempt, she reduced the amount of food and gear she carried this time and moved up her departure by 10 days to beat melting ice, another paper, the Nihon Keizai Shimbun, added. (AP)

LONDON: Britain is a nation of stay-at-homes, according to a survey published here Wednesday. Britons have more televisions and videos than any of their main European neighbours, but they are less likely to go on holiday, it said.

Almost all of Britons questioned by market analysts Mintel had TV sets, more than half (60 per cent) owned videos, although they would rather watch films than make them.

Nearly two thirds of Britons (65 per cent) have stereos, only the Italians at 68 per cent have more, according to the survey of 7,856 adults from Belgium, France, West Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, the United Kingdom and Italy.

Britain also tops the league in home computers, owned by 23 per cent of those questioned, but most are used for children's games. (KUNA)

SANTA ROSA, California: Three-year-old Carmine Salcido, whose father is accused of slaying her mother during an April 14 wine country rampage that left seven people dead, was discharged from a hospital Wednesday.

About the same time Carmine was waving goodbye to doctors, nurses and staff at Petaluma Valley Hospital, she was the subject of a custody hearing in Santa Rosa.

Superior court judge Aron Rosenfield and Nick Velichinsky, of the Sonoma county social service department, refused comment on the outcome of the hearing but it appeared Carmine would be placed in the custody of maternal grandfather Bob Richards.

When she was first taken to the hospital on April 15, Carmine identified her father, winery worker Ramon Salcido, as her assailant. Salcido is also accused of killing Bob Richards' wife and three daughters at their home in Cotati, Calif. (UPI)

CAPE TOWN, South Africa: Police detectives are attempting to find people involved in the country's largest child sex ring to warn them that one suspect died of AIDS shortly before the network was uncovered last year, officials said Wednesday.

Police said the dead man, a 41-year-old from Cape Town, was positively identified as one of 15 alleged molesters in the network uncovered in October. The sex ring involved at least 25 boys between the ages of 12 and 17, they said.

The man died, before the police investigation began, of pneumonia with the contributing cause of death being listed as disorders involving the body's immune system. (UPI)

LONDON: Half a million old people in Britain could be at risk of physical or mental abuse, a report warned Wednesday.

The British Geriatrics Society said abuse of elderly people cut across all social classes, ages and personalities, but through widespread had received scant public attention.

"The society which represents 4,500 doctors in geriatric medicine said abuse took many forms including assault, deprivation of food or drugs, intimidation and even sexual abuse. (KUNA)

PARIS: Christian Dior has ousted veteran fashion designer Marc Bohan and replaced him with an Italian in a surprise move that stunned the French fashion world.

The announcement that 62-year-old Bohan, Dior's artistic director since 1960, was being ousted by 44-year-old Italian Gianfranco Ferré was apparently a bid by Dior to inject new life into its traditional image.

Bohan appears to have fallen victim to a drive by Bernard Arnault, new chairman of Dior's parent company, the French luxury goods group LVMH, to sweep the dust from his business empire and replace established figures with young impresarios. (Reuters)

Gene linked to breast cancer

Painkillers increase kidney damage

WASHINGTON, May 12, (Agencies): A team of scientists said yesterday it had identified a genetic flaw that is believed to make some cancers of the breast and ovary more deadly than others.

The discovery could help doctors predict the course of a particular patient's cancer and may also one day help combat the disease, one of the scientists told Reuters.

The scientists, looking at a particular gene linked to cell growth in normal tissue, found that multiple copies of the gene were showing up in the genetic material of 25 to 30 per cent of tissue samples that had been taken years earlier from human breast cancers.

Multiple copies of the gene were also found in the genetic material of cells from ovarian cancer tissue samples.

Meanwhile, University of Michigan researchers announced Wednesday, seeds from a bright, purplish herb might hold

the key to diagnosing colon cancer in its early stages and identifying people predisposed to the disease.

Researchers at U-M's Medical Centre said they have isolated a new lectin, called amaranthin, from the seeds of the Central American plant that seems to bind to colon cancer cells and premalignant tissue.

Lectins are proteins used to map the presence of carbohydrates structure. Amaranthin binds to the T antigen, a cancer-associated carbohydrate structure.

Autism, the disorder portrayed by Dustin Hoffman in the Oscar-winning film "Rain Man," is caused by brain damage and is not a mental illness, the host of a world congress on the subject said yesterday.

Sandler, an epidemiologist at the National Institute of Environmental Health Science in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, who led the study. "If they are taken improperly they are not without risk."

Sandler and her colleagues compared the use of non-prescription painkillers by 554 adults who recently were diagnosed with kidney disease with 516 people of similar ages who did not have kidney disease.

No increased risk for kidney disease was found for aspirin use, the researchers reported in Wednesday's edition of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Christopher Gillberg, professor of child psychiatry at Sahlgrenska Hospital in Gothenburg, said top researchers now agreed the disorder was caused by biological damage to the brain.

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Dhaka shuts schools as diarrhoea, heat kill 160

DHAKA, May 12, (AP): Authorities have ordered all schools shut in northern Bangladesh where a heatwave and diarrhoea have killed at least 160 people in five days, officials said today.

They said they wanted to prevent children from walking to school in temperatures of up to 43 degrees Celsius (109 degrees Fahrenheit) which were causing people to faint, vomit blood and suffer from dehydration, fever and boils.

The government has asked older people not to walk in the sun without umbrellas, turbans or hats.

Banglar Bani, an independent newspaper, said at least 45 people died from the heat in the Rajshahi, Rangpur and Nilphamari districts. It said 15 others died in the neighbouring Bogra, and Dinajpur districts.

The country is also in the midst of a drought which weather forecasters said today was the longest for 40 years. They said only five inches (12.5 cm) of rain has fallen over Bangladesh in the past five months.

The heatwave has baked crops, dried up canals and rivers and made millions jobless.

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad toured the affected area over the past two days.

"The government has enough food in stocks and no one of you will starve," he told villagers.

The drought struck while Bangladesh was still burying the dead from a severe tornado that claimed 1,100 lives last month.

The Health Ministry broadcast warnings that people should drink more water and mix it with salt to stave off dehydration. It also cautioned people against unsafe drinking water that was causing diarrhoea.

The government has given no statistics on heat and diarrhoea deaths, but the state-owned Bangladesh Times said 100 people in the northern drought-hit regions had died of diarrhoea.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two hanged

SINGAPORE, May 12, (AP): Two Malaysians were hanged today in separate heroin trafficking cases, officials said.

Lohman Yew, deputy director of the Central Narcotics Bureau, said Law How Chai, 43, a used car dealer from Johor state in Malaysia, was arrested for possession of 104 grams (3.67 ounces) of heroin in May 1983. He was convicted and sentenced to death on Aug 22, 1985, by the high court.

Remains of soldiers

SEOUL, May 12, (UPI): The United Nations Command turned over to North Korea today the remains of 19 Chinese soldiers killed during the 1950-1953 Korean war.

The transfer of the remains took place at 11 am at the truce village of Panmunjom, 35 miles north of Seoul, a command spokesman said.

Tornado kills 5

PEKING, May 12, (Reuters): Five people were killed and 157 injured when a tornado accompanied by rain and hailstorms swept through east China's Anhui province, the New China News Agency reported yesterday.

Hepatitis

BEIJING, May 12, (Reuters): Wards have been turned into temporary hospital wards to cope with an epidemic of hepatitis in the central Chinese city of Wuhan, the official New China News Agency reported yesterday.

At least 5,000 cases have been diagnosed so far this year, it said, adding the outbreak was caused mainly by unclean food.

Hotel bomb blast

ISLAMABAD, May 12, (Reuters): One person died and one was injured when a bomb exploded on Wednesday at a hotel in the Pakistani city of Rawalpindi, police said.

Cypriot leaders meet in Prague

NICOSIA, May 12, (AP): Greek and Turkish Cypriot party leaders flew to Prague today for unprecedented talks on reuniting the war-divided island.

Leaders of all five Greek Cypriot political parties and three of the four Turkish Cypriot parties are participating in the six-day confidence-building meeting organised by the National Front of Czechoslovakia.

It is the first such contact between politicians from the two communities since 1974, when Cyprus was unofficially partitioned following a Turkish invasion.

India, Pakistan to discuss dispute on Siachen glacier

ISLAMABAD, May 12, (AP): India and Pakistan have agreed to discuss their frontier on uninhabited Siachen glacier, where dozens of troops have been killed or wounded in the last five years, Pakistan announced yesterday.

The four-day talks will open in Islamabad on May 27, according to an official who cannot be identified under government rules.

Defence secretaries Iqbal Haider Zaidi of Pakistan and Waseeh Chander of India will lead the delegations, he said.

The border over the world's highest glacier, which ranges in altitude from 18,000 to 21,000 feet (5,454 to 6,363 metres), has been unmarked. Conflict over its demarcation developed five years ago when India sent troops into the area and Pakistan did the same.

The glacier is in the Himalayan mountains, where India, Pakistan and China meet. Its control has been disputed since India and Pakistan separated following the end of British rule in 1947.

Pakistani newspapers reported yesterday that India had tried to advance over parts of the glacier three weeks ago, but were repulsed by Pakistani forces.

Pakistan's Defence Ministry's only comment on the conflict was to say that "Pakistani troops recently undertook appropriate defence and protective measures to counter the Indian moves."

He said the action was prompted by "Indian troops in Gyang sector of Siachen glacier (who) had intensified movements and activities with a view to occupying dominating heights and establishing new posts."

The spokesman said a meeting of local commanders took place May 6 "to discuss the prevailing situation and to prevent any escalation." The meeting remained inconclusive, but the commanders are expected to meet again in the next few days.

In a separate development Pakistan also expressed "deep concern" over India's proposed launch of its intermediate range ballistic missile called "Agni."

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that "India's massive defence buildup, its nuclear programme and the development of long range missiles cannot but strengthen the apprehensions and feelings of insecurity among other countries of the region."

Premadasa meets with Tamil Tigers

Govt gesture to Sinhalese militants

COLOMBO, May 12, (Agencies): President Ranasinghe Premadasa will help the top Sinhalese militant leader go abroad for medical treatment, officials said yesterday.

Meanwhile, Premadasa and four members of his cabinet met with Tamil rebels fighting for independent nation on the island's north and east and discussed ways to end the insurgency, officials said.

The Tamil rebellion and the resulting Sinhalese backlash have claimed more than 12,500 lives since 1983 and unleashed a wave of terror, bomb blasts and assassinations on this once-peaceful island nation.

Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne said Premadasa had received and approved a request from Rohana Wijeweera, the leader of the underground People's Liberation Front, to allow him to go abroad for medical treatment.

India-Nepal row

War of words

NEW DELHI, May 12, (Reuters): India sharply intensified a war of words with Nepal yesterday, accusing the Nepali government of harassment and discrimination against Indians living in the Himalayan kingdom.

External Affairs spokesman Aftab Seth said Nepal had breached a 1950 treaty of friendship by insisting Indians in Nepal needed work permits or citizenship certificates.

The latest row is part of a wider battle between India and Nepal over trade and transit rights and New Delhi's underlying anger at Kathmandu's increasingly close ties with China.

India allowed two trade treaties to lapse at the end of March and Nepal has accused India of mounting an economic blockade along their common border.

The New Delhi government denies there is any blockade and Seth read reporters a list of third-country products Nepal had imported through India in the past six weeks that included wine, whiskey and electrical goods.

Under the 1950 treaty, Nepal and India agreed to treat each other's citizens like their own, but Seth said Nepal had "knocked the bottom" out of the pact.

India says there are 150,000 Indians living in Nepal but Kathmandu puts the numbers much higher. Seth said there were 3.5 million Nepalis in India. They do not require work permits.



A man being canned in Pakistan during the rule of Zia. (Reuters wirephoto)

Punishment continues

Caning in Asia

HONG KONG, May 12, (Reuters): There's a room in Hong Kong's old Lai Chi Kok prison furnished only with a padded leather bar.

More than 125 males—many still only boys—have been taken there over the past 11 years. Their hands and feet bound, they were tied to the bar and then whipped with a long rattan cane.

Corporal punishment, also called caning and flogging, is still used in the British colony—and in other Asian nations once part of the British empire.

In Singapore, government officials refuse to say how many people are subjected to the punishment each year. But the number seems certain to rise with the recent passage of a draconian immigration law allowing caning of illegal immigrants and overstayers.

In Malaysia, offenders are whipped—as well as given prison terms—for even minor drug offences. Caning is also practised in Brunei.

Caning as a disciplinary measure for recalcitrant pupils was banned only a few years ago in British schools. It is still used in Hong Kong.

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto put an end to the widespread practice in Pakistan after she became the first woman leader of a Muslim nation last December. Experts said up to 200 people a day were flogged during the military rule of General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

The highest number of floggings in Hong Kong took place in the early 1980s, when as many as 21 men were whipped in one year. The figure dropped to one in 1987. So when eight men were whipped last year, human rights groups became concerned the practice was on the rise.

Review

In a report on the colony last November, the United Nations human rights committee called on the British government to use its power to outlaw flogging in the territory.

One teenage boy has so far been flogged this year. Magistrates in the British colony can order "the cane" for males for crimes ranging from rape and robbery to drugs and weapons possession, either in addition to or in lieu of a prison sentence.

The government is presently reviewing the Corporal Punishment Ordinance, which has been on the statute books in various forms since 1903. It has been reviewed several times before, however, with no change to the law.

In Singapore, criminals can be caned for a wide range of offences, including attempted murder, rape, robbery, housebreaking and rioting.

From April, it was also extended to illegal immigrants, who along with visitors overstaying more than 90 days, now face a mandatory three strokes of the cane as well as a jail sentence.

Nine Indians have been sentenced to flogging since the law went into effect five weeks ago. They are appealing against the sentence.

In Hong Kong, the number of strokes is limited to 18 for adults and six for children under 14 years of age.

Wijeweera, 46, is believed to have suffered a heart attack recently.

The front is an ultra-nationalist Sinhalese group, which has been at the forefront of the anti-government campaign launched in 1987 in protest against peace overtures made to Tamil rebels.

The request from Wijeweera was made through to Chris Nuttall, the BBC correspondent in Colombo.

Nuttall said he received two telephone calls yesterday from a front member, who said the group would be willing to hold talks with the government if Wijeweera was allowed to receive medical treatment in London.

The request was conveyed to the government, he said.

A government statement said Premadasa had not directly been in touch with the front.

The front last month rejected Premadasa's offer of amnesty and seats in Parliament if they gave up their campaign of assassinations and calling crippling industrial strikes. An estimated 3,500 people have been killed in the campaign.

The peace offer was however accepted by Tamil rebels, and a five-member team is currently holding talks with the government.

Premadasa and four members of his cabinet met with the rebel team yesterday, said officials speaking on condition of anonymity. Neither side gave details of the meeting.

There was no immediate word on the outcome of the opening session but the office of Premadasa said in a statement the guerrillas denounced the 45,000-strong Indian peace-keeping force on the island.

Premadasa, who has said he wants to restore peace to the Indian Ocean island through "consultation, compromise and concession" urged both sides to hold "full and frank discussions" and reach a clear understanding of the issues.

A team of Sri Lankan ministers including Ranjan Wijeratne, the foreign affairs and deputy defence minister, met representatives of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) including Anton Balasingham, its London based theoretician, and Yogaratnam Yogi, the head of the group's political wing.

Yogi and eight of his colleagues left their hideout in the northern jungle last week and were airlifted to Colombo by the government for the talks.

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Chinese Muslim women shout slogans as they march past the Tiananmen rostrum. (Reuters wirephoto)

March against sex book

BEIJING, May 12, (Reuters): Thousands of Muslim students marched through Beijing today protesting against a Chinese book describing Muslim sexual customs which they said insulted Islam.

"Firmly punish China's Salman Rushdie", they shouted as they marched through the Muslim quarter of Beijing to the heart of the city, denouncing the editor of a book of essays entitled "Sexual Customs."

The marchers said their unprecedented demonstration had no connection with the wave of pro-democracy student demonstrations which have repeatedly brought Beijing's streets to a standstill over the past month.

They handed a petition to officials of the Chinese Parliament demanding a ban on the book and punishment for the publisher, the Shanghai culture publishing house, and its editor Gao Guoping. The Beijing Evening News said the book had been banned in Beijing because it has hurt the unity of China's minorities.

"This book is worse than (Rushdie's book) 'The Satanic Verses'. We will not have our religion insulted," said a Muslim student from China's nationalities institute.

Iran's leaders and some other Muslims have called for British author Salman Rushdie to be killed for publishing 'The Satanic Verses', which they say is blasphemous.

Students said the Chinese book included articles on the sexual and marriage customs of Chinese Muslims containing derogatory references to the Holy Quran and many errors.

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Don't march, Chinese told

Show patriotism

BEIJING, May 12, (AP): One of China's top politicians met with journalists who have been calling for a free press, a newspaper reported today, and a government spokesman urged students not to demonstrate when Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev comes to Beijing next week.

Politburo member Hu Qili met with reporters from the China Youth News, many of whom have been active in a journalists' movement for freedom of the press.

The China Youth News reported that Hu, who is responsible for supervising China's state-run media, talked with the journalists in "a cordial, harmonious and friendly atmosphere."

It said Hu listened to their opinions, but gave no details about his reply.

Earlier this week, Chinese journalists gave the government a petition signed by more than 1,000 reporters requesting a dialogue on censorship.

The petition called for talks with Communist Party officials following reports of repeated censorship during the recent student demonstrations and the firing of the editor of a liberal Shanghai newspaper.

The petition drive was organised by Li Datong, an editor at the China Youth News, the most liberal of China's five biggest newspapers.

Yuan Mu, China's government spokesman, meanwhile appealed to student activists to show patriotic spirit by stopping their demonstrations.

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Egypt may kill \$2b tank project

CAIRO, May 12, (Reuters): Egypt may scrap a \$2 billion plan to produce the US M-1A1 battle tank as part of a far-reaching review of defence spending, military sources said.

Washington's closest Arab ally was considering switching to co-production of the Soviet T-72 tank with Iraq instead, they told Reuters in interviews during the week.

The M-1A1 is one of the things under review by the new defence minister, said one of the sources, a foreign military observer. "All major projects are being closely scrutinised."

Egypt's Defence Ministry spokesman was not available for comment.

Egypt is the only Arab country to have signed a peace treaty with Israel and is the largest recipient of US aid after the Jewish state. Iraq has traditionally been Israel's toughest foe.

The General Dynamics tank is a prestigious symbol of the close military ties that have developed between Cairo and Washington over the past 10 years.

It was a favourite project of Field Marshal Abdel-Halim Abu Ghazala until the popular 59-year-old soldier was removed from his post as defence minister last month.

Staunchly pro-American, he was viewed as the second most influential personality in Egypt until he quit in what one foreign observer called a showdown with President Mubarak over economic policy.

In effect, the sources said, Abu Ghazala had been sacked.

They said his successor, Colonel Sabri Taleb, was a Mubarak loyalist who had been ordered to review all major defence projects and investigate any hint of corruption.

One Western source said Abu Taleb had been instructed to probe any

Dutch recall envoy over death threat

US, UK criticise Iran

THE HAGUE, May 12. (Agencies). The Netherlands announced yesterday it was recalling its ambassador from Tehran, saying recent death calls by Iranian leaders had made it impossible to continue normal relations.

The Dutch have been angered by Iranian death threats against British author Salman Rushdie and a call by parliamentarian Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani that Palestinians should kill Westerners to avenge Israeli shootings of Arabs in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"Recent statements by parliamentarian Speaker Rafsanjani and President (Hojatollah Ali) Khamenei have made it impossible for the Netherlands to maintain normal relations," a Foreign Ministry statement said.

"Reasonable doubt remains over the Iranian point over terrorism," the statement said, referring to Rafsanjani's remarks on Wednesday that his call to kill Westerners had been misinterpreted in the West.

Iranian recruited by US

Spy confessions

NICOSIA, May 12. (Reuters). A man saying he was a former pilot in the Iranian Air Force said on Iranian television that US agents at the American embassy in Tokyo recruited him as a spy.

The confession shown last night was contained in the second episode of a weekly programme designed to inform Iranians about methods of foreign espionage organisations.

The programme, featured five men who had also appeared last week, an unidentified man who described how the KGB used compromising pictures of him in Moscow to force him to co-operate, and Jon (Jon) Patis, an American sentenced in 1987 to 10 years in jail for spying.

The television said last week that members of a major US spy ring whose breakup was announced last month would appear in future programmes.

Patis, 52, an engineer from Aiken, South Carolina was working at a major Iranian telecommunications centre when he was arrested in June, 1986.

Patis — with moustache, glasses and short hair — spoke in English. A Farsi translation said he gathered information about industrial projects by talking to engineers he knew from earlier postings in Iran in the 1970s.

It was not clear if his appearance was a partial return of another interview screened in October 1986 in which he said he had relayed information to the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

The pilot, Majid Rashidpour, said the Americans threatened to denounce his contacts to Iranian authorities and tempted him with a monthly salary of \$1,500.

A ministry spokeswoman said Iran's ambassador in the Hague had been summoned to the Foreign Ministry and told the Dutch ambassador would be recalled for an indefinite period.

Along with other European Economic Community countries, the Dutch earlier this year temporarily withdrew their ambassador from Tehran after Ayatollah Khomeini called for Rushdie's execution for alleged blasphemy against Islam in his novel *The Satanic Verses*.

Khamenei said yesterday in Beijing the death threat against Rushdie still stood.

Britain's ambassador to the United Nations said yesterday that Khamenei's remarks in Beijing amounted to "a renewed incitement to murder."

Ambassador Crispin Tickell told reporters he brought up the subject to a closed-door Security Council meeting and the 15-nation body would "remain seized of the matter," a diplomatic expression meaning the matter can be kept under review without making it an agenda item for open debate.

A US State Department spokesman accused Rafsanjani of continuing to pursue "a policy of terrorism," despite his denial that he advocated retaliatory killings of Westerners.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said: "We want to hear this and all other Iranian death threats lifted unequivocally. And we expect the Iranians to renounce publicly the use or threat of terrorism and violence in all forms."

Rushdie, has turned down an invitation to stand as a candidate in Italy in next month's elections to the European Parliament.

Iran's chief justice today urged revolutionary courts to show no mercy in ordering the execution of armed dissidents, bandits and drug smugglers.

Rushdie, forced into a shadowy secret life by Iranian death threats, remains under police guard, apparently risking only occasional forays into the social whirl he had known.

Unconfirmed reports in the British media have Rushdie hiding in the Cotswold Hills of western England, locked in heated argument outside a London pub and taking refuge in the capital's smart wine bars.

Iran polls

Opinion on changes

NICOSIA, May 12. (AP). Iran's Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi said yesterday that planned constitutional amendments would be presented for approval in a referendum to be held simultaneously with the presidential election.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency, quoted Mohtashemi as saying the Iranian people will be voting for or against the amendments "in the same polling booths set up for the presidential elections."

President Ali Khamenei's second four-year term expires this year and elections for a new head of state are set for August. He is not eligible for a third term. The only candidate for the presidency declared so far is Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, last month appointed a 20-member commission to alter the constitution following a call by 260 parliamentarians to "rectify flaws and weaknesses."

It has been ordered to review the powers of the president and prime minister, following criticism that both positions are ill-defined under the present constitution.



War orphan

An Afghan toddler, orphaned by the war, looks up from the row of cribs at the Vatan War Nursery in Kabul. About 6,000 children have been cared for at the orphanage since 1981, many of whom are later sent to the Soviet Union for education. (Reuters wirephoto)

Pakistan plans invasion: Kabul

Jalalabad fighting intensifies

KABUL, May 12. (Agencies). The Kabul government has uncovered a plan by neighbouring Pakistan to invade Afghanistan, attack and capture two major cities and turn them over to Muslim rebels, the Afghan Army chief said yesterday.

The invasion — orchestrated by the Pakistani military — was to occur Sunday in the eastern city of Jalalabad and the southern city of Kandahar, said Lt. Gen. Abdul Haq Olumy, secretary of the National Defence Council and a ranking member of the central committee of the governing People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan.

Olumy made his remarks at a news conference attended by numerous members of the diplomatic corps.

President Najib has repeatedly accused Pakistan of armed intervention in Afghanistan and said it could lead to a regional war. The government in Islamabad has denied the charge.

Pakistan serves as a base for the rebels, known as mujahideen or Islamic holy warriors, who have been waging an 11-year-old war to overthrow the pro-Soviet government.

The rebels also are supported by the United States, China and Saudi Arabia.

Olumy said 7,000 Pakistani soldiers and militiamen disguised as mujahideen had been deployed on the border or inside Afghanistan for the latest offensive on Jalalabad.

He said a smaller group was being mobilised near the city of Quetta for an attack on Kandahar.

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MIDEAST BRIEFS

Arab summit

AMMAN, May 12. (KUNA). Moroccan Ambassador to Jordan Abdul Latif Laraki yesterday was quoted here as saying that all the Arab states except for Libya agreed to attend the emergency Arab summit conference.

In a statement to Jordanian daily "Al Rai" published here today, the ambassador said that the contacts still underway with Tripoli to convince it to participate in the summit that is held during Arab critical circumstances which need consultation and co-ordination on the highest level.

Chemical plant

BANGKOK, Thailand, May 12. (AP). The United States has repeatedly asked Thailand to evacuate the 300 Thai workers from the alleged chemical weapons plant in Babia, Libya, a Thai newspaper reported yesterday.

"The United States has threatened to bomb the area but has promised it will inform Thailand before launching an attack," the Nation said.

Asked about the report, US embassy spokesman Ross Petzing said he could not comment on diplomatic communications between the United States and Thailand.

Israel's tank

LONDON, May 12. (KUNA). A specialised defence publication here has shed more light on the so called Israel's "tank of the future".

Jane's Defence Weekly published two photographs of the Israeli Merkava MK3, which appears to be the world's first armoured vehicle which has a capability to detect a threat from other armoured cars.

The system, mounted above the gun mantlet, is probably designed to detect emissions from "enemy laser target designators and possibly multiple radar from advanced anti-tank munitions."

The weekly said that the Merkava belongs to "the generation of the future, of the 1990s".

AIDS test

CAIRO, May 12. (UPI). The Health Ministry is conducting a blind requirement that all foreign nationals living in Egypt for over a month be tested for the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), the US citizens living in Egypt have been informed by the US embassy in Cairo.

"The Egyptian government informs us that all foreign nationals living in Egypt for more than a month will be tested for HIV — (Human Immune Deficiency Virus)," said a statement distributed to all US nationals living in Egypt by their embassy in Cairo.

Wreath laid

ANKARA, May 12. (Reuters). Prince Cevdet, heir to the Turkish throne, laid a wreath at the mausoleum of modern Turkey's founder today during a one-day private visit to Ankara.

"On my first visit to Turkey I salute the memory of the founder of a great nation," he wrote in a book at Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's austere hilltop mausoleum.

Rare diamond

GENEVA, May 12. (UPI). Saudi Arabian jeweller Robert Mouawad paid 10.2 million Swiss francs (dhs six million) for a rare pink diamond of 21.06 carats at a Christie's jewel sale last night.

Mouawad has showrooms in Geneva and New York and his entourage cheered as the hammer fell on the bid — the fourth highest ever paid for a gem at auction.

Official visits

TEL AVIV, May 12. (Reuters). US Justice Department officials visited Israel last week in connection with the Jonathan Pollard spy case, US and Israeli officials said yesterday.

Pollard, a US Navy intelligence analyst, was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1987 for passing top secret documents to Israel for which he received money. He was arrested outside the Israeli embassy in Washington in November 1986.

Heroin seized

ANKARA, May 12. (Reuters). Turkish para-military gendarmes have seized 186 kilos (410 pounds) of pure heroin worth up to \$40 million on the streets of Europe during a raid on a village near the Iranian border.

Gendarmes officials said troops raided a house in the southeastern Hakkari province and found the heroin, equipment for processing the drug, three Soviet-made Kalashnikov rifles, three pistols and 400 pounds of ammunition.

Mine destroyed

BAHRAIN, May 12. (Reuters). Bahrain yesterday destroyed a mine from the Iran-Iraq war found drifting in its territorial waters, official sources said.

The sources said Bahrain's naval forces spotted the mine floating 10 miles north of Sitra on the island's east coast.

Old village

BAGHDAD, May 12. (Reuters). Polish archaeologists have found a 10,000-year-old village in Iraq with sophisticated underground houses and unique bird sculptures, the Baghdad Observer newspaper said yesterday.

"For nearly three centuries Nemrik (village) bustled with life, cobbled streets, a market place and rows of beautiful round houses," archaeologist Stefan Kowalski told the paper.

Archives open

ANKARA, May 12. (Reuters). Turkey today opened up Ottoman archives holding an estimated 100 million documents, including some that may shed light on the alleged genocide of Armenians.

The government's official gazette said documents of the 600-year Ottoman empire, which collapsed in 1923, were thrown open to Turkish and foreign researchers at the archive building in Istanbul.

Jumblatt: the Lone Ranger

Vow to fight for democracy

KUWAIT, May 12. (KUNA). Lebanese Druze leader Walid Jumblatt vowed to fight till the downfall of his major political foe, head of military government Gen. Michel Aoun, and said he was pessimistic over an early solution of Lebanon's constitutional crisis.

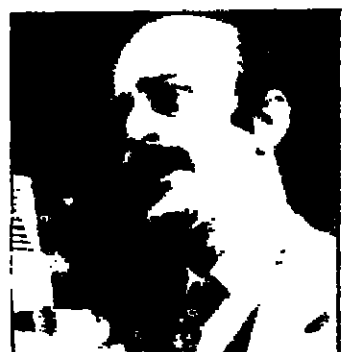
Interviewed by a Kuwaiti daily, Jumblatt lashed out at both his Muslim allies and Aoun, saying he was struggling alone for democratic reforms and for ridding Lebanon of military rule.

"No solution with Aoun, and we will not heed military rule," the Druze leader said. "I am pessimistic. I see no solution in Lebanon but rather a long war and I have nothing to offer as concessions," he added.

However, Jumblatt stated, a truce could be reached "but even this would be a very difficult task and could be realised after further sufferings, bloodshed and destruction."

"Although the battle is of all Muslims and Christians alike, I am fighting alone for democracy in Lebanon. If some people want the military rule, I am not, and I will remain so, solo," Jumblatt pledged.

He accused his ally, acting Premier Salim Al-Hoss of siding with the military government of Aoun and said he was unwilling to allocate funds for Muslim strongholds in West Beirut.



Jumblatt alone

He blamed the Muslim leaders for not taking a clear-cut stance against Aoun's military rule.

He said supplies and food materials were moved from Tyre sea port which has been controlled by the militias of his ally, Shiite Amal movement's leader Nabih Berri, to Aoun's Eastern Beirut positions is yet another undeclared backing to the military government.

He defended the Syrian role in Lebanon and accused certain Arab states, which he did not name, of pouring weapons in the war-torn country.

Jumblatt said he had already presented his views on possible solution of the Lebanese ordeal to Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed, who heads the Arab League's six-member committee on Lebanon and to the League secretary general Chadli Klibi.

Plot to smuggle nerve gas

NEWARK, New Jersey, May 12. (UPI). A Korean-American exporter charged with plotting to smuggle deadly nerve gas to Iran sobbed yesterday as he told a jury that he was trying to salvage a legal arms deal, not resurrect the illegal scheme, when he made a final call to an undercover customs agent.

Juwahn Yun, owner of Komex International, a summit exporting firm, testified that he offered the man he knew as an arms merchant \$50,000 to get back into the legal deal. Yun said he desperately needed to complete the deal to save his business and family.

Yun was arrested the day after the telephone call as he met with the fake arms dealer, customs service agent Richard Kemman, near Newark international airport.

"I came to the United States for the better living," Yun, a naturalized US citizen, said after breaking down on the witness stand.

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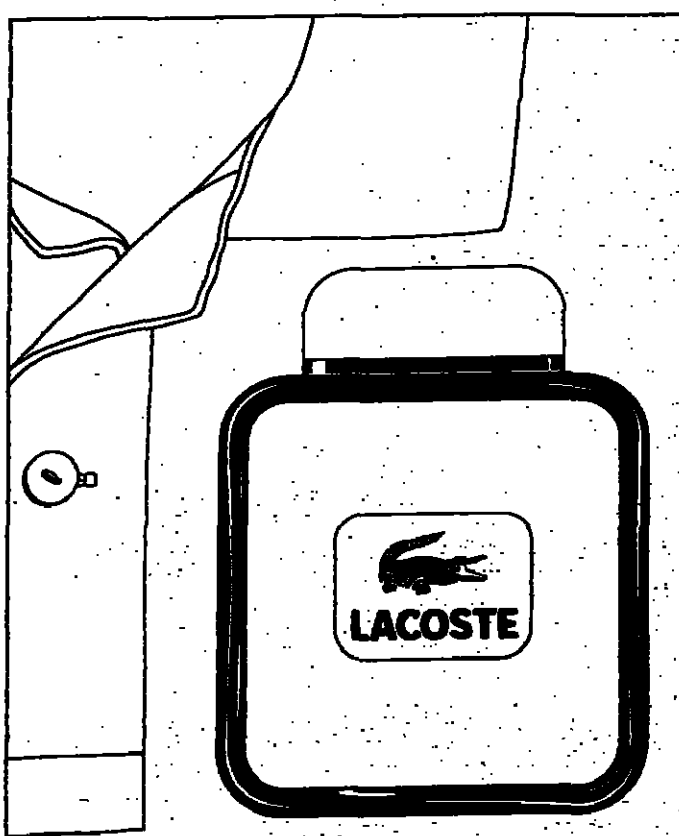
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61 face trial for role in Algerian riots

ALGIERS, May 12. (Reuters). Police have arrested 61 people who will be tried for their part in rioting in the eastern Algerian town of Souk Ahras, the official news agency APS said yesterday.

Wednesday's riots in the town caused damage estimated by APS at tens of millions of dollars in the worst disturbances reported since riots in October when up to 160 people were killed in several cities in protests against economic hardships.

APS said the town was calm yesterday but more arrests were expected among squatters evicted from housing.

People in Souk Ahras, a large farming town 430 km (270 miles) east of Algiers, rioted in protest at alleged favouritism in the allocation of new housing, claiming homes had been awarded to relatives of local officials.

Police used tear gas to disperse crowds who sacked public buildings and the homes of local officials, smashed windows and street lamps and set fire to public offices, destroying archives.

In a statement published by APS, the town council denied there had been any favouritism over the award of 900 homes.

More information please

GCC editors plea

MANAMA, (GNA): Editors-in-chief of the daily newspapers in the six GCC member states have called upon their governments to inform them of important events as soon as they take place.

They also called for organising regular meeting with the GCC officials on a periodical basis in order to acquaint them on the latest developments in various fields.

This came at the end of the first meeting of the editors-in-chief of the daily newspapers of the GCC states. The meeting which opened Thursday morning and ended the same night was attended by the GCC Secretary-General Abdullah Yacoub Bishara, who read the resolutions and proposals at its conclusion. The GCC editors met yesterday with the Amir of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa Bin Salman.

The editors supported the GCC information ministries who earlier called for providing the local press with all means to defend the causes of this region.

They called upon the GCC General Secretariat to continue issuing periodical reports and supply them to the GCC press on various aspects of the GCC. They also requested the GCC General Secretariat to intervene with the concerned authorities in the GCC states and obtain a total exemption of the local press and other publications inside the GCC states.

The editors complained of the expansion of commercials on the local television stations calling for reviewing this policy because it greatly affected the advertisements in the newspapers. On this issue, the editors-in-chief asked for a study on the "adverse effects" on the Arabic press published outside the Arab world who are trying to secure the maximum advertisements from the GCC states. The editors urged their states to use the printing press capabilities available within the press establishments in the member states, instead of

establishing government printing houses or printing government materials abroad.

The editors also called upon the GCC governments to benefit from the information centres available at the various press establishments in the GCC states.

The editors emphasised the importance of increasing the participation of the national cadre in the journalism. They said that continuous training programmes should be held at the press establishments to qualify national journalists and reporters in co-ordination with the GCC General Secretariat.

The editors pointed out that the best solution for the obstacles facing the distribution of the GCC dailies and weeklies is the setting up of a national company in each GCC member state to be responsible for distribution of the GCC newspapers in that country. All these companies should co-ordinate among themselves.



Mazeidi tours airport

THE Minister of State for Services Affairs, Issa Al Mazeidi visited the Kuwait International Airport yesterday. He was received by the Deputy Chairman of the Civil Aviation Directorate, Yacoub Al Saquer and other senior officials with whom he evaluated the airport's preparations for the summer season rush.

The minister, accompanied by the senior airport officials, then toured the departure and arrival halls of the airport. He also spoke with passengers about their problems and the services they are receiving.

During the tour the minister called upon the employees to provide all the necessary services to the travellers. He also called upon them to simplify procedures.

Mazeidi also visited the public service office, specially established to receive the public complaints and suggestions for improving work at the airport. He called upon the employees to treat the public courteously and answer their queries.

Mazeidi noticed during his tour that several malids were still in the arrival hall even though they had arrived 24 hours earlier because their sponsors did not come to collect them. He urged the public to be more prompt in collecting their malids.

33 undergo trial

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attend the proceedings. Photographers will not be permitted entry within the jurisdiction of the court premises.

The thirty-three are accused of belonging to "illegal groups among whose purposes was the promulgation of principles which seek to demolish the basic system (of Kuwait) through illegal means and demolishing the social and economic fabric of the country."

The group also publicly called through writings, sketches and photos to topple the regime as well as for defuncting ideologies while defaming HH the Amir. Some of the suspects were also accused of divulging secrets of defence, embezzling public money and collusion to commit crimes including the assassination of public figures and their children in Kuwait.

The source said that the head of the State Security Court, Mohammad Al Bani had nominated 15 lawyers, including three women lawyers to represent the accused.

The first session is open to the public, the source said, but added: "The possibility that subsequent reviews of this case, if any, will be held in camera (closed sessions) cannot be ruled out."

The source added the accused will be tried within the jurisdiction of Kuwait's rules of evidence according to the penal code.

Basically, he said, persons assigned to public services who

divulge secrets of the country's defence are liable to a jail sentence of at least three years. The penalty increases to a minimum of five years if the crime occurs during war.

People who publicly advocate a change in the present regime in Kuwait with the incitation to use force or illegal methods in overthrowing the regime are liable to imprisonment for a period of not exceeding 10 years.

Organisers calling for joining organisations that aim at the destruction of the basic systems in Kuwait through illegal methods, or call for using force to destroy the social and economic system of Kuwait are liable to be sentenced to a maximum of 15 years in jail. Those who knowingly join are liable to be punished with a maximum of 10 years in jail.

Those who in any way distort the image of the Amir are liable to a maximum of five years in prison.

The following are considered as accomplices to the crime prior to its occurrence:

- Persons inciting others to commit a crime.
- Conspiring with others to commit a crime.
- Any person knowingly assisting a criminal or the commission of a crime.

Any of the aforesaid informing the authorities about the criminal intentions prior to its execution will be exempted from the stipulated punishment — provided that such information leads to the arrest of the other criminals.

Incentives proposed to sustain wedded bliss

Divorce seminar today

By Mahmoud Moril

THE dean of the Faculty of Sharia and Islamic Studies Dr Ahmad Al Ghandour told Al Seyassah that he will submit a proposal to the symposium on divorce to be organised by the Social Service and Continuous Education Centre, Kuwait University at Kuwait Plaza Hotel today under the auspices of Sheikh Latifa Al Fahd the wife of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister urging the government to offer spouses who have been together for 25 years without divorce certificates of honour and material or moral incentives for being model families.

The day-long symposium will be devoted to discussing the problem of divorce in the Kuwaiti society and to establishing the real dimensions of this problem through carefully collected statistics and field data and based on academic studies.

Ghandour will contribute a research paper to the symposium entitled "Divorce as seen by Fiqh and the Law", which will primarily stress the attention paid by Islam to protecting the

well-being of the family, being the core of social structure.

The theme of Ghandour's paper will also deal with ways to sort out difficult marriage problems as provided by Islam and related laws, which permit divorce when the marriage reaches the "point-of-no-return".

Ghandour will also stress the need to disseminate Islamic education among the youths particularly on personal matters amidst the lack of such basic knowledge from the existing educational curricula.

A number of scholars will participate in this symposium representing Kuwait University, Ministry of Awkaf and Islamic Affairs, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Planning, the National Housing Authority, Kuwait Lawyers Association representatives of a number of public social welfare establishments and social clubs.

Youssef Ghanam Al Rasheed from the Justice Ministry will also contribute a research paper on "Judicial Separation and Sharia's stand to reduce divorce rates."

Sacked teachers thanked

THE Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education for administrative and financial affairs, Abdul Aziz Al Jarallah, has confirmed that the ministry terminated the services of 147 non-Kuwaiti teachers recently.

He said that the 89 male and 58 female teachers are from the five educational areas.

He added that most of them were holding only diplomas and the ministry notified them at the end of last month about its decision to terminate their services.

He added that 93 of the teachers were teaching art and 54 teachers were teaching history, geography and social and psychological studies. Jarallah said that the ministry terminated their services based on the general policies of the state to appoint Kuwaiti teachers instead of non-Kuwaitis. The ministry appreciated the role of the terminated teachers by sending them letters of thanks for their efforts made during their work.

The ministry will also give them their summer holiday pay beside their financial dues.

The ministry notified the dismissed teachers four months before date of termination of service in order to legalise their situations in Kuwait.

The terminated male teachers

were appointed after 1979 and females after 1968, he said adding that some teachers were exempted as they were married to Kuwaitis, widows, holders of Palestinian travel documents or working in the remote areas in Zour and Wafra.

Al Jarallah denied that ministry has intention to dismiss more teachers during this school year or dismiss some employees at the ministry adding that the dismissed teachers did not include senior teachers or supervisors.

He called on Kuwaiti students at the Faculty of Education of Kuwait University and Faculty of Basic Education at the Public Authority for Training and Applied Education who are expected to graduate during the coming session to submit their applications to be appointed as teachers from the beginning of the new school year.

He added that a large number of Kuwaiti graduates were appointed in the schools which showed a surplus of teachers in their majors. This obliged the ministry to terminate services of the non-Kuwaiti teachers this year, he said but noted that the ministry will continue its policy to employ expatriate teachers of some scientific specialties according to needs of the educational areas.

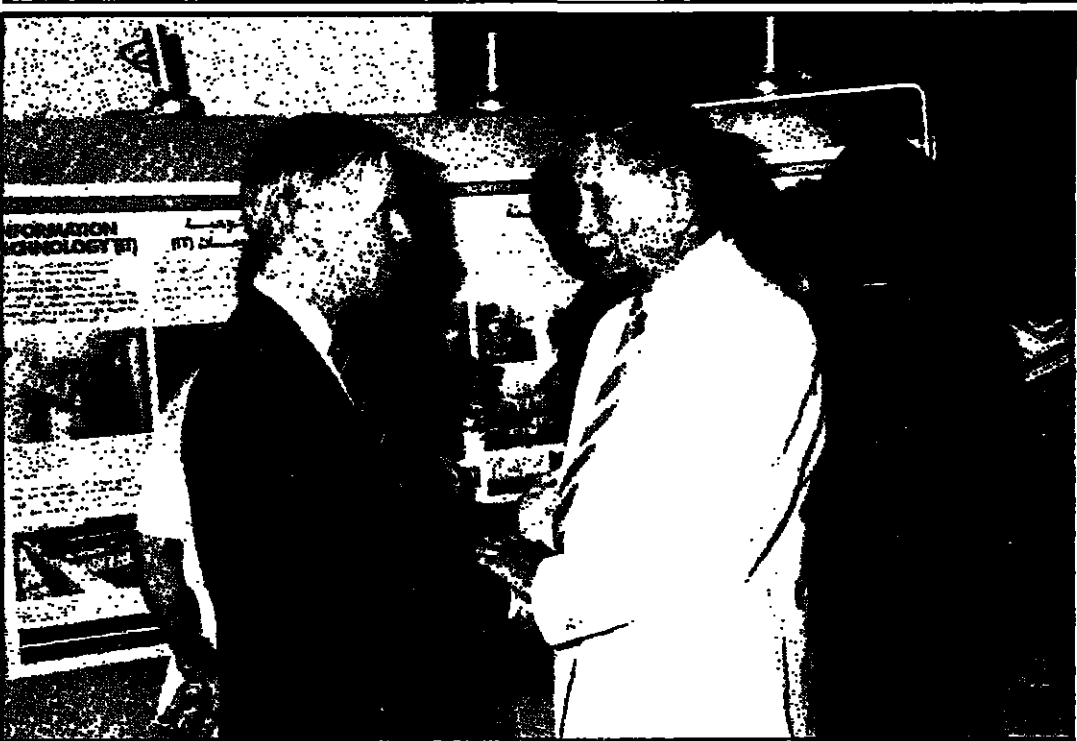
Farewell party for British consul official

THE British embassy in Kuwait hosted a reception to say goodbye to Mohammad Ali Girgrah, a commercial officer, who retired after 21 years service.

The reception was held recently at the Commercial Building in the new British embassy premises. Friends and colleagues attended the party, hosted by British Ambassador Sir Peter Moon.

Girgrah, who is from Yemen, joined the British embassy in Kuwait in 1968. His association with the UK goes back to the days when he worked, first at the British Council and later at a British bank in Aden before joining the British consulate in Kuwait.

Girgrah now wants to continue working in the commercial field as a consultant, dividing his time between Kuwait and Yemen.



British Ambassador Sir Peter Moon (left) saying farewell to Girgrah at the reception.

Crime file

Bribery case

THE Criminal Court headed by Judge Abdul Hadi Al Attar has fixed Tuesday, May 23 as the date for reviewing the case of a gynaecologist identified as a 50-year-old Jordanian.

The doctor has been accused of accepting a bribe of KD150 from a patient who was admitted to the maternity ward.

Bizarre death

SECURITY personnel of the Ministry of Interior are continuing investigations into the bizarre circumstances leading to the death of a Jordanian recently at Al Sabah Hospital, according to a local daily.

An employee of the Al Sabah Hospital, identified as Atteyah A., a Jordanian national aged 57 years, was found dead in the hospital's campus two days ago. The victim had blood on his clothes.

Strangely, the victim had half of his beard and moustache shaved. Preliminary medical examination showed that the victim had been struck on the head.

Maid sentenced

KUWAIT Misdeemeanour Court sentenced a housemaid and her lover to one year imprisonment with hard labour to be followed by deportation from the country.

The court was told that the woman who is over 21 years old met her lover only once before

Armed robbery

THE Criminal Court has sentenced two men to 15 years imprisonment followed by deportation for attempting to rob the Real Estate Bank in Fahahel by using automatic weapons.

The court heard that on the day of the incident the two men went to the side door of the bank with automatic weapons hidden underneath their coats. At the time of the incident only the assistant bank manager and three employees were present. The two men asked the assistant manager to open the door for them after telling him that they were two of the employees working there.

The court sentenced one man to three years imprisonment with hard labour to be followed by deportation and acquitted another for making liquor.

The two men were arrested by security men at their house along with two large containers of locally made alcohol and distillation equipment.

During court hearings the first man admitted that the equipment and the liquor were his and that he charged KD3 for each bottle. He also told the court that the second man did not have anything to do with the crime and that he was only spending the night with him at his house.

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THE Criminal Court has sentenced a man to four years imprisonment to be followed by deportation on charges of trading in narcotics.

Security men arrested the man and confiscated a kilogramme and 426 grams of hashish.

Government land plots smaller

THE area of government houses cannot be increased and the general trend for the coming Five-Year-Plan is to build government houses on only 200 square metres, consisting of three floors. This is a mild solution according to a senior government official.

The total budget allocated to the National Housing Authority (NHA) since its inception in 1974 amounts to KD1,452 billion of which KD1,393 billion has been spent on housing projects. Dr Ibrahim Al Shaheen, director general of the NHA said.

The budget of the authority for the fiscal year 88/89 totalled KD124 million. Financial requirements of the coming fourth Five-Year-Plan amounted to KD1,620 million for building housing units at a total cost of KD60,000 each.

The municipality has allocated sites for projects of the authority in Wafra, Khairan and Sibbiya areas and the authority will begin the projects after completing essential services.

Shaheen said that Failaka Island has sufficient land for housing projects, but lacks demand.

Action Line

IS it true that from April '89 no teacher will be allowed to change his/her British driving licence for a Kuwaiti one?

I Burns
IT'S not true. The Director-General of the General Traffic Department Fud Musaed Al Saleh has gone on record as saying that Section A, Article 2, of the traffic law stipulates that non-Kuwaiti teachers are allowed to exchange their country's driving licences to Kuwaiti ones. Perhaps, you read a report in The Times, London, which had erroneously reported that the exchange of teacher's licences had been stopped from April 1. The Times report was denied on April 29 and a clarification issued by the General Traffic Department. If you have a British driving licence, you are eligible to get a Kuwaiti one.

I WORK for a private English school in Kuwait. The school charges us for water and electricity each month. Can they fix the charge at whatever rate they choose? Can they deduct the charge from my salary?

I Burns
YOU have given incomplete information. To begin with you've not mentioned the nature of employment. Do you teach? Does the school provide accommodation? If yes, then does your contract, if you have one, stipulate that you pay the cost of electricity and water? If yes, then you must bear the cost. The Ministry of Electricity and Water issues annual invoices based on the average consumption of power, calculated on the basis of what was consumed in the previous year. The invoices are split into 12 months, payable by a person at his convenience, but before the start of a month. If you are paying for electricity, you can check the number of units consumed in your apartment, based on the MEW invoices, and pay accordingly. Water charges vary and depend on whether the supply is continuous or through tankers. Such charges are minimal. A lawyer consulted by us said there is no law which says that an employer can deduct the cost of electricity and water from a person's salary. However, if you have taken a loan from an employer, that is deductible.

PLEASE clarify the rules regarding driving licences in Kuwait. Can a student obtain a driving licence? Can a person visiting Kuwait drive on an international licence? Can a person resident in Kuwait drive on an international licence?

A PERSON resident in Kuwait cannot drive on an international driving licence. However, a person visiting Kuwait, in principle, can drive on an international driving licence provided he is staying in the country for less than three months. In principle, all high school students cannot obtain a driving licence. Kuwait University students, irrespective of nationality, in the second academic year can obtain driving licences after obtaining Istimaras (learner's driving licences). To obtain a learner's licence, a student must have been born in Kuwait and have documentation to authenticate this claim; a letter from university or vocational institute; a valid residence and a valid passport.

MY wife was in Kuwait for almost a year in 1988. In December last year, she went to India for her delivery. I wanted to bring her to Kuwait for a few days to keep the validity of her visa. However, she was not in a physically fit condition to travel. She is due to give birth to our child in June and after two months, she will return to Kuwait. But by that time, the six month duration for the validity of the visa will expire, cancelling her visa valid for three years. Will my wife be allowed to enter Kuwait on her previous visa? Do I have to get a new visa? Will there be any obstacles while re-applying for a visa?

Aamir Mohammed
IF your wife was genuinely ill and unable to travel, she can obtain a medical certificate from the hospital/clinic where she was treated. The certificate must be attested by the hospital; the Kuwaiti embassy in your country of origin; then, she can re-enter Kuwait on a visit visa and within a week of entering the country, you must approach the immigration department for renewal of visa.

Frankly, we can't say if there will be obstacles or not, but you must qualify for obtaining a new visa. To qualify, you must earn KD450 in the public sector and KD600 in the private sector. If you earn more than that, then, as far as we know, there shouldn't be any difficulty in bringing your wife here. If your wage is lower than the above mentioned, then you are not eligible to apply for a dependent's visa for you wife.

MY son's passport will expire at the end of the month; his residence is valid up to 1991. At the moment, he is in Pakistan and is unable to return before June. Please let me know about the immigration law (1) if he has a new passport without a residence visa (2) an old passport with a residence visa.

Does the six months overstay rule apply to housewives?

Aman
YOU can renew his passport in Pakistan; if you get a new passport, you should attach the old and the new passport so that the validity of the visa can be checked at the airport by immigration officers, who will grant him a visit visa on entry. Within a week of entering Kuwait, he has to approach the immigration office to transfer his residence permit from the old passport to the new one.

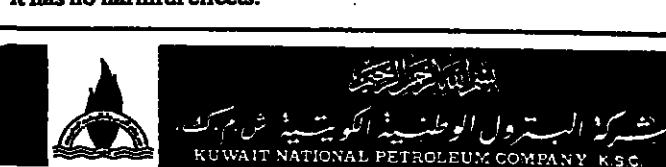
The six-month overstay rule applies to everyone — dependants — wives and children, who stay outside Kuwait for more than six months can re-enter on a visit visa and be re-sponsored by the husband, provided they are eligible to get such visas.

THERE are a lot of stutters around the world. I am one of them. Recently, I saw a device on That's Incredible which can be used to get rid of the handicap. Can you give me some information regarding the Speech Aid, and whether it is commercially available, I'd be greatly obliged.

Shafiq M.K.
SPEECH Aids are available at the Al Ghanim Pharmacy, Fahad Al Salem St., Telephone 2422061. The ones available in the Kuwait market are made in England and cost KD240 each. Perhaps, you could buy one of these to solve your problem.

A PAEDIATRICIAN in Bombay has prescribed Penicillin La for my son, aged six years, after conducting an Asotitre test. One dose amount has been advised. My family lives in Bombay and my wife is reluctant to administer this injection as it is painful. My wife believes it has harmful effects in the long run. Do you advise Penicillin La for long term therapy?

Victor M. Fernandes
Paediatrician Dr. Anwar Basith said Penicillin La has no harmful effects in the long run, and is generally prescribed to young patients all over the world. She said it is a high-dose penicillin injection prescribed at about three-weekly intervals for a long-term therapy, lasting six months or more. It is slightly painful but it has no harmful effects.



TENDER NO. M-56

Kuwait National Petroleum Co. at Shuaiba Refinery offers for sale by tender the following:-

- Lot No. 1 : general refinery scraps & C.S. pipes.
- Lot No. 2 : tube bundles & heat exchangers.
- Lot No. 3 : S.S. pipes & finned tubes.

Tender documents will be available at head office from 8:00 to 14:00 for the sum of KD5/-.
Viewing date : Monday 15.5.89 — 10:00 morning
Closing date : Monday 22.5.89 — 12:00 noon

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Private education survey

MAJOR survey has been launched into private education in Bahrain with market research being conducted with the aid of thousands of questionnaires disseminated to parents of private and government school pupils and of children studying abroad.

The study, the first of its kind in the island, is being conducted by the school advisory committee of Bahrain School.

According to committee chairman Dr Dhafer Al Umran the objective of the survey to develop database and information system to understand better the requirements and prospects for private schooling in Bahrain.

Under the pioneer project, which has been fully supported and approved by the Ministry of Education, the information will be distributed to the ministry and all the schools involved to help to improve the dialogue between schools and education officials, said Dr Al Umran.

He said the survey originated from the idea to involve parents in improving private education in Bahrain. "The feedback we get from the parents is essential to the success of the project," he stressed.

The research seeks to establish the main criteria used in the choice of a private school, what benefits parents expect from private education and the fees they are willing to pay.

The committee chairman said it would provide extremely useful information for administrators of private schools as a basis for future planning.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Photo contest

KUWAIT, May 12, (KUNA): The Ministry of Communications yesterday invited students to take part in a photography and drawing contest sponsored by the International Telecommunications Union.

A ministry release said a screening panel would select the best 10 presentations from each of the three age groups, the elementary, intermediate and high school.

The deadline for entries has been set for April 1990.

Planning workshop

KUWAIT, May 12, (KUNA): The Arab Institute for Planning in collaboration with the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science will today open a workshop under the theme "Development Planning and the Role of the Private Sector in Kuwait."

The five-day workshop will discuss the role which could be played by the private and joint sectors in realising development plans in the country.

PACI delays

COMPUTER malfunction at Al Farwaniya's Civil Information Department and the Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI) in the Ministries Complex and Al Rihab Complex caused delays in processing applications, according to a senior official.

Salem Diab, director of Civil Registration Department at PACI was commenting on complaints of citizens and expatriates on the inordinate delay in having their formalities processed.

Meanwhile, the official confirmed that the Civil Information Department at Al Farwaniya is able to undertake 60 transactions simultaneously. For the comfort of applicants a waiting room with 500 chairs has been provided, the official said.

Human error not to blame in power cut

Suspensions revoked

By Fathima Ahmed Arab Times staff

THE Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) may reinstate five officers suspended after the first power blackout in Kuwait in December last year, according to a reliable source.

A second committee probing power failure, in its preliminary reports, has ruled out negligence and has allegedly blamed "defective systems" linking the power network in Kuwait, he said.

Two high officials, and three engineers (from Egypt, Pakistan and Japan) were suspended in March following a total power failure on December 13, 1988.

The blackout lasted nearly eight hours.

The officials will be reinstated, the engineers will be allowed to complete the duration of their present contracts. The Japanese engineer was on a special contract and has left Kuwait, sources said.

Evidence

They were suspended for alleged negligence, following a report by a MEW committee which investigated the cause of the December 13 blackout, occurring due to a fuel systems failure.

A preliminary report by the second committee probing the April 13 blackout has found conclusive evidence pointing to systems failure at Al Zour power station, which triggered a chain reaction at the Doha East and

Doha West power stations, an informed source said. He said they have ruled out human error in both the incidents.

Last year's power failure occurred during load-shedding at a 300-megawatt turbine at KD400 million Al Zour power station.

The April 13 power failure was allegedly due to a leakage in the fuel system at Al Zour. All units tripped, this led to tripping in other stations, due to overlapping of warning signals, the source said.

He disclosed that preliminary findings of a special committee probing the incident say that the fault was allegedly due to a "defective system."

Steps are being taken to correct the fault to avoid a recurring failure, he said. A high level enquiry is being made to look into the power distribution network, he added.

Kuwait is now producing double the quantity of power it needs, sources said. The total generating capacity of the power stations — Doha East, Doha West, Al Zour, Shuaiba — is said to be approximately 7000 megawatts. Kuwait consumes about 3000 megawatts during the maximum peak consumption period, which normally falls in July and August.

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister has repeatedly stressed the importance of avoiding a recurrence and has asked the MEW to take all measures to prevent a repetition.

No polio here for two years

GENEVA, May 12, (KUNA): There have been no cases of polio in Kuwait for the past two years, Kuwait Health Minister Dr Abdul Razzak Yousef Al Abdul Razzak told the World Health Assembly.

In an address to the 166 members of the UN agency, which shortly will launch a campaign for the global eradication of polio by the year 2000, the minister added that major strides had been made in Kuwait in the entire public health sector.

Kuwait has given special attention to mother and child programmes, to breastfeeding, to immunisation and the prevention of communicable diseases. Also there was an active programme against tobacco

abuse, both through campaigns at school and university level and through raising taxes to restrict consumption of cigarettes.

Kuwait's anti-AIDS programme was extremely active and this was one reason why the country had been selected to be a member of the World Health Organisation's AIDS management campaign, the minister noted.

In March 1990 Kuwait will be hosting a Middle East conference of surgeons involved in human transplant operations, Dr Abdul Razzak noted.

Such transplants had been undertaken in Kuwait, and national legislation governing this had been introduced.

The conference "will be examining the medical, religious and legal aspects of the transplants of organs and will be attended by eminent physicians, members of the clergy and members of the legal profession, he said.

Interest

"We hope the WHO will take an interest in this subject... and that it will seek to establish guidelines for national legislation that will have to organise the donation of organs."

"This subject does require a great deal of clarification, and therefore a clear social and legislative framework must be established," he pointed out.

Turning to the situation in the occupied Arab territories, the Kuwaiti minister said that "I hope this organisation will be able to continue to support our brothers who are in dire need of help, I mean our brothers in Palestine and those participating in the intifada."

"These brothers are suffering injustice, oppression, displacement and persecution by the occupation authorities."

"The WHO should try to provide them with the necessary help and assistance as well as the most basic health services which they lack," Dr Abdul Razzak said.

He also called on the WHO to do all it could to help those suffering in Lebanon.

Labour law fair: Nasser

LONDON, May 12, (KUNA): Kuwait's Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Sabah was quoted in London on Thursday as saying that his ministry was seriously considering adoption of effective measures to secure high qualifications for national labour force.

Sheikh Nasser, in statements to the Arabic-language weekly magazine *Al Hawadeth* published here yesterday, said the new labour law is fair and provides opportunities for all.

The law, he added, helps in protection and stability of all without exceptions, and denied claims that workers in Kuwait are persecuted stressing that the law is fair for both employees and employers.

Replying to a question, Sheikh Nasser said the GCC member states will discuss a study over co-operation between the six Gulf states in respect of the foreign labour force.



Dutch Queen's birthday

Dutch Ambassador and Mrs J.R.F.M. Veiling greet US Ambassador W. Nathaniel Howell and Mrs Howell at a reception held to celebrate the birthday of Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands.

Subsidies for March reach KD1.5 million

THE amount of subsidies paid by the government on some essential commodities during the month of March this year was KD1.5 million.

A statistical release issued by the supplies and consumers' protection department of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said that about KD 600,000 were paid for the ration card commodities which cover sugar, rice and milk powder. It added that KD 243,000 was paid to subsidise the fresh milk produced locally and another KD 197,000 to subsidise construction materials.

The statistical release added that KD 105,000 went to support some children nutrients and milk.

The release added that the Ministry issued 625 ration cards during March. The department of consumers protection also caught 46 violations and issued only six permits for shops to enter the sale.

World Nurse Day today

KUWAIT, May 12, (KUNA): Kuwait Nursing Society today celebrates the World Nurse Day under the patronage of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

Chairwoman of the society Mariam Al Roumi said that the celebration which will continue until May 18, will be held under the slogan of "The Role of Nurses in School Health."

The society, she added, will honour during the celebration a number of personalities who have extended great support to nursing profession, lead by HH the Amir, the HH Crown Prince and other senior officials.

Al Roumi, said the celebrations will include the discussion of a number of topics in addition to organising seminars on nursing and development and the phenomenon of smoking among students.

More classes held

Illiteracy on the wane

THE Ministry of Education is studying the feasibility of establishing more women's morning classes to facilitate students who find it inconvenient to attend evening classes, according to a senior education official.

Abdulaziz Al Najdi, director of the Adult Education and Illiteracy Eradication Department at the ministry in an interview with a local daily said that some classes for girls at the five governorates have already been activated. This move has received the approval of the public, he added.

This year, there are a total of 79 adult education and illiteracy eradication centres. A total of 7,003 men and 8,022 women had graduated from these centres so far. The total number of students at the illiteracy eradication stage amounts to 7,076, intermediate 9,133, secondary 9,981, religious institute 2,859 and handwriting institute 683 students. Illiteracy dropped to 20 per cent in 1988 compared to 98 per cent in 1957.

These statistics testify to the serious efforts exerted by the ministry in this field, Najdi concluded.

Expatriate queen elected

Remo show captivates



Remo charming his audience.

By Peter D'Souza Arab Times staff

POPULAR Goan singer Remo lost his voice after he started to sing his second set of songs at the SAS Hotel on Thursday. Remo immediately left the stage for two hours and then returned fully recovered and strengthened to continue the programme.

Remo's first set of songs were old numbers which he had sung in Kuwait 18 months ago. This was quite disappointing to those who had already heard him last time. But there were many people in the hall who were captivated by Remo's original music. More than his music, Remo's topical lyrics won much applause.

Remo started with a Portuguese number *Amanha Carnaval* and sang several Goan folk songs. His English numbers *Ode to Graham Bell* and *Hello Mr Gandhi* were full of punchy lines and ridiculed everything from an inefficient telephone system to a slack government. His number, "Will you marry me, Mary?" is humorous. "Only if you go to Dubai," came Mary's reply, poking fun at those girls who seek to marry boys working in the Gulf.

His other numbers included *Take Me Back to Moscow* and *Bombay City* which were originally sung during the Festival of India in Moscow. *Aphrodite*, a love song, *Jalwa* from the Hindi film of the same name, *Down with Brown*, an anti-drug song



Expatriate Queen Susan Rego

that warns of drug abuse and *Ocean Breeze*.

Singing at times in a fiery tone and at times passionate and sedate, Remo's music created much excitement.

In a break between the musical entertainment, the Expatriate Club, the organisers of the show, selected veteran Susan Rego as the Expatriate Queen. Susan has the looks, style and intelligence that easily convinced the judges to vote in her favour. Karen Alf and Angela Castellino were first and second runners-up respectively. Thirty-eight contestants vied for the queen's title.

City Limits and Perfect Strangers provided music for those who wanted to dance, and most of them did.

Shatilla praises Kuwait support to Lebanon, calls for joint policies

Arab solution feared

PARIS, May 12, (KUNA): Chairman of the Lebanese Popular Conference Kamal Shatilla today lauded Kuwait's support to Lebanon, asserting that the Arab option will remain the most appropriate solution for the Lebanese crisis.

Shatilla, in a statement to KUNA here Friday, expressed deep appreciation for the Kuwaiti stand toward Lebanon and hailed the recent statement over Lebanon by Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed who continues his national and humanitarian support to Lebanon and its people.

"We urge greater support for the Arab League's six-man committee on Lebanon," he said, stressing the need for halting unilateral Arab policies to help the committee actually develop a

unified Arab attitude. Stopping of such unilateral policies, Shatilla elaborated, will frustrate attempts by local parties to take advantage of the incongruous Arab stands on Lebanon.

Hostile

The chairman of the Lebanese Popular Conference said those who expressed hostile stances for the Arab solution and Arab observers force speak only for themselves.

Shatilla underlined that all Lebanese areas welcome the deployment of Arab observers in Lebanon as they represent an actual initiative toward ceasefire and end of continuous destruction befalling Lebanon since last March.

Sectarian militias in Lebanon fear the success of the Arab alternative because they mushroomed following the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon with its foreign complications.

Those militias are perhaps aware of the fact that success of the Arab solution for the Lebanese crisis will reduce their weight, end the Israeli occupation, ter-

minate roles of foreign factors and recover Lebanon's stability and territorial integrity.

Meanwhile, Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi today praised the Soviet-US stand over Lebanon.

Klibi, in a press statement in Tunis, said the joint stand expressed in Moscow by the Soviet and US foreign secretaries strongly supports Arab efforts made to bring about a solution to the Lebanese crisis.

Statement

The final communique for Soviet-US talks in Moscow, issued yesterday, backed the Arab League's efforts toward Lebanon and hailed in particular the good offices of the six-man Arab committee on Lebanon.

This stand, Klibi added, will enable the committee to implement its plan aimed at accomplishment of national entente in the war-torn country.

The committee is chaired by Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and has members from Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Algeria and Sudan.

Stop relying on Western technology: Shamlan

ISLAMABAD, May 12, (KUNA): Kuwait's Minister for Higher Education, Ali Al Shamlan said yesterday that Islamic countries would have to depend on their own resources and manpower to make progress in science and technology.

Talking to reporters on arrival at Islamabad airport to attend the fourth meeting of the COMSTECH, he said that it was time the Islamic world stopped depending on the scientific and technological progress made in the West and other European countries.

Al Shamlan will lead the Kuwaiti delegation to the fourth meeting of the standing committee of the Organisation of Islamic Conference of Science and Technology (COMSTECH) due to open here tomorrow.

He said sound co-operation among Islamic countries would greatly contribute towards speedy development in the field of science and technology in the Islamic world.

Pakistan President Ghulam Ishaq Khan will inaugurate the 3-day meeting.

OIC Secretary-General Dr Hamid Al Ghabid, who also arrived yesterday to attend the meeting, told reporters at the airport that he was confident the COMSTECH meeting would take concrete steps to enhance scientific and technological co-operation among the OIC member countries.

He praised the significant development made by Pakistan in science and technology and said other Islamic countries should follow this example.

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Polisario rebels fizzling out

Moroccan gains in Western Sahara

By George D. Moffett III

LAYOUN: Rising out of the rocky, windswept Saharan desert, La'Youn's ornate public buildings, five-star hotels, and 30,000-seat sports stadium seem dramatically out of context.

Fifteen years ago this former capital of the Spanish Sahara, one of Spain's two African colonies, was little more than a rude frontier village.

Transformed by nearly \$1 billion in Moroccan aid, it is now a gleaming model city of 90,000 — and a symbol of the sophisticated tactics that have brought Morocco to the brink of victory in its 13-year war against Algerian-backed guerrillas to gain permanent control of the Colorado-sized swath of desert on which La'Youn sits.

"The Polisario movement has had it," says long-time Moroccan-based journalist Stephen Hughes of the imperiled fortunes of the guerrilla movement that has been fighting to make the Western Sahara an independent nation. "It's all over but the shouting."

Citing historical rights going back to the 11th century, Morocco annexed the Western Sahara in 1976.

To make good on its claim of sovereignty — which no country recognizes yet — Morocco has fought a costly war against the Polisario rebels, who operate from bases clustered around the Algerian border town of Tindouf.

Simultaneously, Morocco has sought to win the hearts and minds of residents of the Western Sahara against the day, perhaps not far off, when they will vote either for independence or affiliation with Morocco.

Transfusion

Following the massive transfusion of Moroccan aid that has made La'Youn a showcase in the wilderness and its citizens the beneficiaries of free education and health care, the outcome seems hardly in doubt. "We're part of Morocco. We always have been. We always will be," says one college-age La'Youn resident, speaking in the presence of a Moroccan official.

New highways and TV hookups with the north have largely completed what one Western source calls "Moroccanizing" the Western Sahara, making its incorporation nearly a fait accompli.

In the long war of bullets and words, the guerrillas have charged that two-thirds of residents of the Western Sahara are Moroccan immigrants who, under Morocco's own suggested guidelines, would be barred from voting in a proposed United Nations-sponsored referendum. Moroccans respond that most Polisario leaders are themselves Moroccan-born, diluting claims that the Polisario is an authentic national liberation movement.

At stake is a region rich in phosphates (used in fertilizers), and largely untapped fishing resources off its long Atlantic coast.

The Polisario's position was bolstered by a 1975 decision by the International Court of Justice denying Morocco's claim of sovereignty over the Western Sahara.

Meanwhile, some 71 countries, most African, have recognized the Polisario's government-in-exile, the Saharan Democratic Arab Republic, as the legal government of the disputed area.

But legal and diplomatic support have been insufficient to offset Morocco's preponderant military might.

Morocco has used its estimated 120,000 troops to construct a 1,200-mile wall of sand and barbed wire that now encloses 80 per cent of the Western Sahara. The desert wall has cut off the estimated force of 4,000-8,000 guerrillas from the population it purports to represent.

The resulting stalemate has opened the door to diplomacy. Last year, the UN tabled a plan calling for a ceasefire, the dispatching of an interim peacekeeping force, and an eventual plebiscite to allow the 120,000 inhabitants of the Western Sahara to decide their own future.

The UN is now working on the details of holding a referendum. Morocco's King Hassan II met with Polisario representatives twice in February. A third meeting was postponed but is expected to be rescheduled.

One sticking point has been the modalities of the voting. The Polisario has insisted that Moroccan troops and administrators evacuate the territory in advance of a referendum, arguing that no fair elections can be held if the region is under occupation.

Such proposals have been greeted in Morocco with universal disdain. "In other words, abandon the provinces and allow the rebels to install themselves in the vacuum," said Abd Ar-Rahim Bouabid, leader of the opposition Socialist Union party, at a public meeting.

In the end, the question of modalities may prove academic as the vital life signs of the guerrilla movement grow weaker.

One Western military source notes that while in 1987 the guerrillas mounted major offensives to penetrate the desert wall every six to eight weeks, only three such attacks occurred last year while none has been launched in 1989.

Absence

Meanwhile, the absence among Western Saharans of anything like the nationalist feelings that have fuelled the Palestinian uprising against Israel suggested by the fact that in 13 years no terrorist attack has been launched against Moroccan soldiers in the Western Sahara or targets inside Morocco.

The most recent blow to the Polisario's hopes was delivered last spring when Algeria restored relations with Morocco and later joined Morocco and three other countries in signing a treaty calling for greater Maghreb (North African) political and economic unity.

While Algeria still provides staunch rhetorical support to the movement it claims is the only authentic voice of the Western Saharan people, few doubt that the Polisario cause has now been sacrificed to larger interests.

Unconfirmed reports from Western sources indicate that Algeria is now recalling arms given to the guerrillas.

Moroccan and Western sources assume the existence of a tacit agreement by Algerian President Chadli Benjedid to withdraw support from the rebels and allow the UN to get on with negotiating a political settlement.

"It's a death sentence for the Polisario," says one Moroccan source of the treaty signed between Algeria and Rabat.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1503 — Spanish forces defeat French Army and enter Naples, Italy.
- 1619 — Execution of Johann van Oldenbarnevelt for treason leaves Maurice Prince of Orange supreme in Holland.
- 1779 — France abandons Gorée, West Africa, to Britain.
- 1809 — French Army under Napoleon Bonaparte takes Vienna.
- 1871 — Law of Guarantees in Italy declares people's person inviolable and allows him possession of Vatican.
- 1881 — Sciflora is abolished in Brazil.
- 1962 — Chairman tries to assassinate Indonesia's President Sukarno, but Sukarno escapes injury.
- 1968 — Peace negotiations officially open in Paris between United States and North Vietnam.
- 1969 — More than 100 people are reported killed in race riots in Malaysian city of Kuala Lumpur.
- 1970 — Israel attacks Lebanon to try wiping out commando bases.
- 1973 — Nineteen nations begin talks in Vienna aimed at cutting number of troops in Europe.
- 1975 — US Marines, warships and planes are placed on alert in Western Pacific after seizure of US merchant ship Mayaguez by Cambodians.
- 1988 — Riot police storm sacred Temple Mount complex in occupied Jerusalem and fire rubber bullets at Muslim worshippers.



Mikhail Gorbachev



Deng Xiaoping

Burying the hatchet

Communist giants to meet after 30 years

By Jim Abrams

MIKHAIL Gorbachev arrives this week for the first Sino-Soviet summit in 30 years, formally ending tensions that alienated the communist giants.

The Soviet president and Chinese senior leader Deng Xiaoping have somewhat different expectations as they prepare to sit down for the first summit since Mao Tse-tung gave Nikita Khrushchev the cold shoulder in Beijing in 1959.

Both sides agree that the May 15-18 summit will normalize political and party relations strained three decades ago when Beijing challenged Moscow's right to dominate the communist movement.

Both want an easing of tensions so they can concentrate on spurring efforts to reform plodding state-controlled economies.

"Abnormal relations" along their 7,000-kilometre (4,300-mile) border "are not in the interest of the people of the two countries," Chinese premier Li Peng recently said.

The summit should give impetus to growing trade relations. Particularly across border outposts, and joint efforts in their development of Siberia and northeast China.

It will mean more official contacts, allowing the Soviet Union to better study China's pioneering efforts in market-oriented reforms and giving China, now racked by a pro-democracy student movement, a better look at the bold political reforms Gorbachev has initiated.

There will be more consultations on Korea, where both support the communist north, and on Cambodia, where Soviet-backed Vietnam is battling Chinese-backed guerrillas.

But the Chinese have been decidedly cool to the idea that the summit is another triumph for Gorbachev's policies of international détente. Normalization of relations is important, they say, but so is winning concessions

from the Soviets, especially on Cambodia.

Chinese leaders insist that improved relations will not mean a return to the alliance of the 1950s, when Mao's fledgling communist government was forced to bow to Moscow's ideological dictums.

Mao's disputes with Stalin, and then with Khrushchev led to a split in 1960, when the Kremlin withdrew all its technicians from Chinese factories built with Soviet aid.

Soviet "revisionism" was reviled by the ultraleftists of China's 1966-76 cultural revolution. After border clashes erupted in 1969, Mao called on the nation to prepare for all-out war.

War was averted, but prospects for better relations after the cultural revolution were quashed by Vietnam's invasion of Cambodia and the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in the late 1970s.

Political normalization talks were started in 1982, but went nowhere because of what China calls the "three obstacles" — Afghanistan, Cambodia and Soviet troops along the Chinese border.

Gorbachev, who has pushed hard for the summit, finally started getting a positive response from the Chinese last year after announcing the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, reducing Soviet troops on the border and agreeing to help get Vietnam out of Cambodia.

But as Chinese foreign minister Qian Qichen recently stressed, there is still "some way to go and some efforts to be made" before the three obstacles are eliminated.

Deng, 84, and semi-retired, apparently agreed to the summit because he wanted to cap his career with a diplomatic tour de force equal to his restoring diplomatic ties with the United States in 1979 and the 1984 agreement with Britain on Hong Kong's return to China.

But the Chinese insist there will be hard bargaining on Cambodia. Clashes reportedly

have occurred already over the joint communiqué to be issued at the end of the visit — the Soviets want to lay down general principles on future relations while the Chinese are demanding Soviet commitments on Cambodia.

The Chinese, in a rare move apparently designed to head off rosy Soviet pronouncements on the summit, also are setting up their own press centre across town from the Soviet press room.

Observers will be watching to see if Deng submits to a Russian hug and kiss from Gorbachev and whether the Chinese will grant the Soviet president the same media coverage given to US President George Bush during a February visit.

Bush was the first foreign leader ever to give a live interview on Chinese television. He was hailed as a man of the people when he stopped his motorcade in Tiananmen Square to greet the crowds.

Gorbachev is expected to meet Deng, Li and communist party General-Secretary Zhao Ziyang on May 16. His meeting with Zhao will signify de facto restoration of party ties.

Also arriving in Shanghai on May 18 will be ships from the US 7th fleet, in only the second port call by US warships to China. The presence of the American Naval vessels on Shanghai's Huangpu river will be China's pointed reminder that its strong ties with the United States will not be affected by Gorbachev's visit.

One Chinese scholar wrote in the official Beijing review that it remains to be seen "whether the Soviet Union can thoroughly correct its deep-rooted big-nation chauvinism and hegemonism under the guidance of Gorbachev's new thinking." (AP Special Report)

Confidence crisis after April 1 SWAPO invasion

Whites weigh their future in an independent Namibia

By Gill Tudor

NAMIBIA'S minority whites have dusted off their passports but few are booking passage out of the vast desert territory, waiting instead to see what independence will offer them.

Despite the prospect of a black and possibly Marxist-leaning government, most are ready to remain while the United Nations-sponsored plan for granting Namibia independence from South Africa is implemented.

"I've lived in this country all my life and I want to die in this country," said one third-generation "south-wester" — the term still used by most Namibian whites, from the territory's colonial name of South West Africa.

"But life must be worth living," he added.

Building societies and banks report no dramatic drain on sav-

ings. Local estate agents say there has not been a flood of panic house sales.

Those who do leave generally head for South Africa, which has ruled the territory since capturing it from Germany during World War One.

"The people who wanted to leave got out long ago," one estate agent said, recalling an exodus of whites in the late 1970s when apartheid racial segregation was eased and independence from Pretoria first seemed a serious possibility.

Pro-independence businessmen Ulli Eins said most whites, already nervous about their prospects in a new Namibia, were thrown into turmoil on April 1 when the 12-month independence timetable was disrupted only hours after the UN set it in motion.

An incursion by South West Africa People's Organisation

(SWAPO) guerrillas into Northern Namibia led to more than 300 deaths in battles with South African-led forces.

Unsteady troops prevail in the area and the UN hopes to get the peace process back on course.

SWAPO, which espouses Marxism, has fought a 23-year bush war against South African rule and is widely tipped to win elections scheduled for November to choose an assembly to draft an independence constitution.

"Things were going very smoothly until the end of March, and whites were feeling more optimistic," Eins said.

"But then April 1 caused total shock and a confidence crisis from which they haven't yet emerged. Some are totally confused and may have decided to go."

Many speak in fearful tones about the possibility of a

SWAPO victory, although Eins said the organisation's image among most whites as "a bunch of murderous terrorists" had eased despite last month's fiasco.

SWAPO economic policy is the current bogey, raising what businessmen see as the spectre of nationalisation.

Many Namibians hope the centrist, multi-racial Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA) Party will snatch an unexpected victory.

"A considerable number of (white) people think it's possible to stay here under a DTA government, even though it will be (mainly) black," said Sarel Becker, leader of Namibia's far right-wing Herstigte Nasionale Party. He predicted a mass exodus of whites if SWAPO wins.

Becker said he knew many people who were already thinking of leaving, particularly

Namibians serving in the South African Army or on the railways, run until recently by South Africa. The rest tended to be business employees or civil servants.

He said most farmers and small businessmen were staying put — a sentiment echoed by many others whose capital is tied up in Namibia.

"I don't believe in running away. I'm a merchant and everything I own is in this country," one shop owner said.

For many, the mood changes daily.

"One day you think it'll be OK, but then you chat to people at a braai (barbecue) and come home convinced it's all over," said a young couple in the seaside town of Swakopmund.

For some, the dark prospect of leaving Namibia's great open spaces outweighs political considerations.

"If it doesn't work out at all we will go to South Africa," the couple said. "But it would have to be really, really tough for us to do that."

Others are desperate to leave but lack the funds or foreign contacts to ease the transition.

"There's no future here, but we've no family abroad," an anguished woman said. "My husband's 59 — where's he going to get a new job at his age?"

In the end, though, Eins feels most will stay. "I think they will probably adapt somehow, take a wait-and-see attitude. Whoever comes to power, as long as it's a pragmatic government, they'll manage," he said.

For himself, Becker was adamant. "This is my country — I was born here and I won't let SWAPO force me out," he said. "I do not consider leaving." (Reuters, Windhoek)

By Peter James Spielmann

SENIOR military officers from the United States, Soviet Union, China, Britain and France gather once every two weeks under standing orders to be ready to organize something the United Nations has never had — the "UN armed forces."

After about 20 minutes of sitting in a basement conference room last Friday for the most recent session, it was clear to the military officers that the security council had not yet ordered them to set the forces up.

So they broke up and headed home, thus ending the 1,143th meeting of the military staff committee since its founding in 1946.

Meanwhile, on the 38th floor of UN headquarters, civil servants continued to co-ordinate the forces the world body does have — some 15,000 peacekeepers worldwide.

The civilian secretariat members run the peacekeeping troops in a hierarchy of their own, completely separate from the military commanders locked into their basement ritual.

The founders of the United Nations, impressed by the unity of the United States, Britain, France, China and Soviet Union during World War II, envisioned the committee serving as the chief military advisers to the security council.

Under the UN charter, the military staff committee was to command any combined military force that the council would establish.

But the committee quickly became an orphan of the cold war. By 1948, East-West tensions were divisive enough to prevent the security council from being able to agree on organizing its own unified military command.

Instead, peacekeeping responsibility was assigned to the international civil servants of the secretariat, who are supposed to be politically neutral.

Since then, the military staff committee has been a lost command, a band of officers without troops.

Their meetings follow an unvarying scenario worthy of an existential novel.

The committee members meet for 10 to 20 minutes on alternate Fridays. The chairman calls for approval of the agenda. There is no objection. The minutes of the previous meeting are

approved. The chairman asks if there is any new business. Silence, he then raises the question of the next meeting. Someone suggests it be two weeks hence. This is agreed to, and the meeting adjourns.

"I don't think you will find many developments coming out of the committee," conceded the US army officer assigned to it, Col Marty Ganderon, who serves as military adviser to the US mission.

Indeed, the last substantial discussion the committee held was Aug 16, 1948, after which it gave up trying to plan the UN armed forces.

So why continue the meetings? "My senior officers have asked questions very much like that," Ganderon said, "and I tell them it is one of the few places where military representatives from the five permanent security council powers can meet regularly to exchange ideas."

"It provides a place for them to talk formally in an appropriate way," he said. But do they? For example, Soviet diplomats suggested last year that UN nations should hold military units in reserve for use in UN peacekeeping. Did

the military staff committee discuss that proposal?

"No," Ganderon replied.

Disbanding the committee basically would be an admission by the big five powers that any hope for East-West co-operation is futile. Even when the Soviet Union and China were at war with the West in Korea, no one ever suggested abolishing the committee, despite its inactivity.

Thaw

The thaw in the cold war has given the officers hope that they might someday actually advise the UN secretary-general on military matters, awakening the committee from four decades of suspended animation.

The permanent members of the security council have been acting in consensus for about two years, raising the theoretical possibility that they could finally agree on orders for the military staff committee.

"The change in the security council gives us the basis to think that now the military staff committee could fulfill its duty," one of the officers, Soviet Navy Capt. Alexander Gorokhov, said.

And Ganderon sees no reason to abolish a committee that does no harm and could someday be useful.

"The fact that it doesn't deal with anything may be a good sign," he suggested. "Maybe its presence serves as a firebreak" in the way that the US-Soviet telephone hotline reduces tension just by its existence.

"Besides, it's not costing anyone very much," he added.

The UN missions of the big five powers pay the salaries of the officers assigned to it.

Ganderon figures he spends about five or six hours a month dealing with the committee, and spends the rest of his time advising the US mission on military affairs.

Britain and France send military attaches up from their Washington embassies every two weeks for the meetings. China's UN mission has Gen. Du Kuan Yi assigned to the committee.

The Soviet UN mission has three officers, the most senior being Gorokhov, but the new Soviet defense attaché to Washington, Maj. Gen. G. Yakovlev, came up to chair the most recent meeting. (AP)

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Government provides land and cash incentives

Basra reconstruction nearing completion

BAGHDAD, May 12, (OPECNA): The reconstruction of the Iraqi southern port city of Basra, which sustained massive damage during the Gulf war, is expected to be completed next week.

The multi-million dollar campaign in which all construction and engineering companies from across the country took part, began in February this year as a nation-wide drive under the personal supervision of President Saddam Hussein.

Some of the major projects completed or repaired so far are a network of bridges for cars and pedestrians across the city's

numerous canals, roads, commercial centres, government buildings, residential units, hospitals, schools and other public facilities, many of them with new architectural designs.

Operation

Moreover, nearly 80,000 sq. metres were planted with trees and 75,000 sq metres coated with asphalt. Forty km of the city's canals were fenced.

The campaign also included repair to the city's oil installations damaged during the hostilities, including the Basra oil refinery, one of Iraq's biggest.

The plant is now expected to go into full operation next month with a capacity of 140,000 BPD of petroleum products and 100,000 tonnes of lubricating oil.

During a recent trip to Basra, the Iraqi President ordered that all mud dwellings in the city should be removed and new residential units built in their place.

According to an Iraqi newspaper, the government is providing land and cash incentives for civil servants to settle in Basra, 90 per cent of it destroyed or seriously damaged during the war.

Hussein ordered that a plot of land and a bank loan should be granted to government servants who volunteered to make the move to the port city.

Cost

A payment of \$9.600 grant will be extended for every family whose house was destroyed during the war, a move estimated to cost nearly \$320 million.

Meanwhile, work is in progress on the dredging of the northern part of the Shatt Al Arab waterway to rid it of war debris. Some 80 wrecked ships and dhows have been cleared so far.

Soviet Union plans to cut oil exports

MOSCOW, May 12, (Reuters): The Soviet Union, the world's biggest oil producer, plans to trim oil exports by slightly more than five per cent during the first six months of this year in line with a pledge to support OPEC, an official said today.

The spokesman for foreign trade association Soyuzneftexport gave no figures but said the cut followed an official statement in March that the Soviet Union would cut hard currency oil exports by five per cent in the first half of 1989 over the same 1988 period.

Stable

The step was taken to co-operate with the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries in maintaining stable oil prices.

The Soyuzneftexport spokesman said repair work on pipes at the Baltic port of Ventspils, which normally handles around 1.4 million tonnes of crude a month, had also influenced the volume of exports.

Soviet oil production in 1988 was 624 million tonnes, the same as in the previous year.

"According to preliminary estimates by Western analysts, exports reached a record 201 million tonnes last year."

The Soviet ruble should be convertible but should not be floated until the economy is strong enough to take the consequences.

Meanwhile, the Communist Party daily Pravda said on Wednesday that "the convertibility of the ruble is a necessary condition for the integration of our economy into world markets," economist G. Matyukhin wrote in Wednesday's edition of Pravda.

Dollar defies bank assault

LONDON, May 12, (Reuters): The dollar defied heavy and repeated central bank intervention to claw back towards recent highs today while Wall Street soared on signs of slowing US inflation.

News the US producer price index rose only 0.4 per cent in April knocked the dollar off eight-month highs and sparked a buying spree on Wall Street and other stock exchanges.

The US currency was initially knocked off an eight-month high of 1.92 marks by news from Washington that US producer prices were not rising as fast as had been expected.

The April producer price index (PPI) was up 0.4 per cent compared to the 0.7 per cent markets had expected, an indication that the economy was not growing as fast as thought.

Dealers, who have marked up the dollar constantly this month because of seemingly insatiable investor demand, quickly sold the currency to take profits and it fell by up to one penny.

But the US data took a lot of the shine off the dollar since it appeared to show that the US economy may be slowing down, a sign of easier inflationary pressure.

China to double oil imports from Iran

Plan to expand trade ties

NICOSIA, May 12, (Reuters): China agreed today to double its annual crude oil purchases from Iran to two million tonnes, the Iranian news agency IRNA said.

It said the agreement was included in a number of letters of understanding signed in Beijing during President Ali Khamenei's visit to China.

"Increased oil sales to China will be effective in the growth of bilateral commercial exchanges," the agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Iranian Foreign Minister Akbar Velayati as saying.

Velayati, who signed the letters with the Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen, said the two countries also reached a banking agreement which would facilitate expansion of trade.

Other agreements covered joint scientific research and exchange of students.

IRNA said Khamenei, the first Iranian head of state to visit China since the 1979 Islamic revolution, left for the Muslim populated regions of western China today. He will then travel to North Korea.

Khamenei said in meetings with top Chinese leaders that China's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity were of great importance to Iran.

The world and its positive position during Iran's Gulf war with Iraq formed a sound basis for expanding relations.

Visit

Tehran's English-language daily Kayhan International criticised Iranian diplomacy for ignoring China until now and said Khamenei's visit should be the beginning of a new turn in foreign policy away from the West.

"Apart from its diplomatic and political significance in the light of Iran's strained relations with the West, (the trip) should also be considered a step in the right direction in terms of economics," IRNA quoted the paper as saying yesterday.

Meanwhile, China is ready to help ease Nepal's crippling fuel shortages by shipping fuel across the Himalayas from Tibet, Nepali Finance Minister Bharat Bahadur Pradhan said.

Nepal would get urgent fuel supplies to relieve severe shortages brought about by a diplomatic and trade battle with India, Pradhan said, but he did not say how much.

In a statement on his return from talks in Beijing yesterday, Pradhan said China had agreed

to carry out survey work on the Kodari highway that links Kathmandu to Tibet.

The only viable land route between the two neighbours is frequently cut by landslides and badly damaged by winter weather.

Pradhan gave no detail of his talks with China, the result of closer ties between the two nations that have angered India and helped spark the trade dispute.

India closed most crossing points along its long border with Nepal on March 23 when two treaties governing trade and transit of third-country goods lapsed.

Normally, Nepal gets about 200,000 tonnes of oil a year and many other essential commodities from India. But with trade largely choked off, it has been forced to ration fuel strictly and says industry is suffering.

The first of 7,000 tonnes of diesel from Singapore arrived in Kathmandu this week, but barely dented the shortage.

Both India and Kathmandu say they are willing to sit down and work out their differences, but a meeting has yet been scheduled.

Prices higher on Panama unrest worries

Lukman, in London in his capacity as Nigerian oil minister accompanying President Ibrahim Babangida on a state visit, said OPEC's priority was stable world oil prices.

He hinted an increase in the output quota was likely when OPEC ministers meet in Vienna from June 5 to set a ceiling for the second half of 1989. "If prices continue to go up we will have to do something about it."

He said, "everybody wants price stability."

A Reuters survey put OPEC output in April at 20.5 million BPD, up from an estimated 19.9 million in March.

Oil prices have risen around 50 cents a barrel over fears that trouble in Panama might disrupt supply through the canal and a pipeline across that country although some traders today called it overreaction.

Prices of the key benchmark crude oils, North Sea Brent blend and US West Texas Intermediate, rose yesterday after US President George Bush said he would send more troops to bases in Panama.

OPEC ready to meet US oil needs

DALLAS, May 12, (Reuters): OPEC is willing to guarantee an uninterrupted supply of oil to the United States but wants to see an end to confrontational policies that jeopardise co-operation, the head of the organisation said yesterday.

"In truth, we have difficulty in understanding the confrontational attitudes of certain countries as expressed in such practices as trade barriers, oil taxes and oil import fees aimed at subsidising the highest cost of oil," OPEC general secretary Subroto said.

Addressing a group of business leaders at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Subroto said, "a confrontational situation is to the advantage of neither group."

Policies

While he refused to "point fingers" by naming the United States as one of the countries that have set policies opposed to the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, he noted that the United States consumes one-third of the world's oil produced outside the communist bloc.

"This is the biggest oil market of all," he said. "But while the US consumption of oil is increasing, its production is falling steadily."

"This development has given rise to repeated calls for a federal energy policy, in the interests of national security," Subroto said.

"OPEC is both willing and able to meet US oil requirements, as we have done in the past," Subroto said in his first major address in the United States since becoming the OPEC general secretary last July.

Meanwhile, OPEC president Rikman Lukman said yesterday that OPEC crude oil production is running at a little more than 19 million barrels a day (BPD).

"I would say it's a little over 19 million," he told Reuters in a brief telephone interview.

The 13-member exporter group will next month reconsider its 18.5 million BPD ceiling which has helped support world oil prices this year.

A barrel of North Sea Brent crude now trades above \$18 against around \$12 at last year's lows.

OPEC to meet on Egypt's re-admission

KUWAIT, May 12, (KUNA): Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa yesterday said that the meeting of the ministerial council of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), due to convene tomorrow, will take a decision restoring Egypt's membership to the organisation.

Meanwhile, an authoritative oil source said the reinstatement of Egypt would consequently mean restoring its membership to all the companies affiliated to the organisation to which it was a member before being suspended.

Egypt's membership to the Arab League and all other Arab organisations was shelved after it concluded a peace agreement with Israel in 1979.

Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi, said that the three-day meeting would also discuss the organisation's activities and approval of its final accounts.

The ministers would also discuss the activities of the Baghdad-based Arab Petroleum Training Institute, the work of OAPEC's judicial body entrusted with settling differences among member states and arrangements for the fifth Arab energy conference to be held in Amman, Jordan, in 1992.

In January this year, Al Chalabi sent a request to the United Arab Emirates' Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Dr Mana Saeed Otaiba, the current chairman of OAPEC ministerial council, calling for an emergency meeting of the organisation's ministerial council to discuss Egypt's return to OAPEC.

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Iraq has not slackened pace of arms production

PARIS, May 12, (KUNA): Driven by the war and the crushing burden of its foreign debt, Iraq turned in earnest to local armaments production in 1984 and has not slackened the pace.

Locked in a defensive war, and needed vast quantities of armament and munition to support forces all along the 1,000 kilometre border with Iran, and with the shortage of financial resources in 1986, the need for an armament industry became crucial, Mednews reported in its latest issue.

It maintained that the Iraqi arms industry is a recent creation which started in reaction to a Soviet arms boycott in mid 1970s during the final phase of the Kurdish rebellion.

The two pinnacles of the Iraqi arms industry, said Mednews, are the "Baghdad airborne early warning system" and the construction of the ballistic missiles.

The early warning system, Baews, is an Ilyushin-76 heavy transport aircraft modified to incorporate a belly-mounted multi-purpose radar.

System

"Iraqi officials said the system integration and concept validation were achieved in a scant three months," Baews was said to have been in service for several months during the final months of the Gulf war," said Mednews.

The Baews has considerably extended the range of Iraq's early warning network with its capability to "see" to the sides and rear due to its location on the belly of the aircraft.

The magazine said Iraq's announcement in August 1987 that it has test-launched an indigenous-developed ballistic missile, Al Hussein, was greeted with total indifference abroad.

"Few believed the Iraqi claim, and doubts turned to incredulity as hundreds of the new missiles slammed into Tehran in the spring of 1988, turning much of the Iranian capital into a ghost town."

The publication quoted Iraqi officials as saying the Iraqi missile programme was not pursued through assistance of other countries as claimed by foreign circles.

Low

Deputy Minister of Industry and Military Industries, Lt. General Amer Hammoudi Al Saadi told Mednews that it is true that Iraq adopted a low profile in the development of these missiles.

"I can tell you now all this talk that we were helped by Argentina, Brazil or Egypt is nonsense," Lt General Al Saadi said, "do Argentina, Brazil or Egypt have such missiles? No. But Iraq does."

The publication said "Iraq must now be counted among the world's manufacturers of ballistic missiles. Given the extent of this programme — whose thundering impact helped convince Iran to throw in the towel — the question of which countries may have contributed technologies and components seems a moot point."

Mednews maintained that Al Hussein programme grew in response to the refusal of the Soviet Union to supply Iraq with 900-kms SS-12 missile in 1986.

Milken indicted

Securities fraud

LONDON, May 12, (UPI): Michael Milken, the New York junk bond dealer indicted for securities fraud, has made the Guinness Book of World Records by earning \$550 million in 1987, a spokeswoman said yesterday.

Milken's hefty salary is one of 29 new entries Guinness accepted last month. The world records range from the largest cucumber to the longest name for a Bar and Grill, said Guinness spokeswoman Tina Rozasty.

Milken is known for his innovative use of high-yield, high-risk junk bonds in corporate financing while working for the New York investment firm, Drexel Burnham Lambert.

Drexel soared to the top of the investment firm business on Milken's deals, and paid him a percentage of the profits, which accounted for his record salary.

Innocent

Milken pleaded innocent to 98 felony counts in a racketeering indictment charging him in the largest criminal securities fraud case. He is scheduled to go on trial in March in US district court in Manhattan.

Milken's astronomical salary of \$550 million in 1987 was released during a US attorney's office probe into Drexel. The firm settled out of court.

Guinness sends out a monthly update of world records, which are later included in the yearly compilation it publishes in October, Rozasty said.

April's new records included a 66-pound cucumber grown by Eileen Chappel of Queensland, Australia, and the longest name for a Bar and Grill went to London's "Henry J. Bean's but his friends, some of whom live down this way, all call him Hank, Bar and Grill."

Other record holders include:

- Eugenio Soler of Barcelona, Spain, who played 50 instruments simultaneously performing "tricolmelotocus orquestalis" on June 21, 1988.
- R. Meenakshisundaram of Tamil Nadu, India, who spoke for 260 hours consecutively from March 24 to April 4, 1989.
- Andoni Basterrechea of Santiago, Spain, who ate 424 claims in one minute and 39.5 seconds on March 3, 1988.
- Nilasari of Jakarta, Indonesia, who baked a cake that stood 77.69 feet high.
- Rocky and Barco, two drug-sniffing dogs who discovered 969 stashes of illegal drugs worth more than \$182 million along the Rio Grande valley.
- Dorothy Clarke of Glasgow, Scotland, who played a game of Solitaire in 13.22 seconds.

Guinness also announced 10 new record attempts to be tried before the end of the year, including the recital from memory of the entire text of James Joyce's "Ulysses," at the James Joyce Cultural Centre in Dublin June 16 and 17, and the building of a chocolate Eiffel Tower at the Hotel Meridien in Singapore.

Helped by booming tourism receipts, Turkey ran an unprecedented \$1.5 billion surplus in its 1988 current account and also ran a surplus in the first two months of 1989.

Foreign debt fell to \$37.7 billion at the end of 1988 from 38.3 billion a year earlier, at a time when the debt of many other developing countries was rising. The figures exclude \$2.2 billion of foreign military debt.

Inflation is down from a peak of 87 per cent in November 1988 but is unlikely to fall from its present level, bankers say.

UK, China sign trade deal

LONDON, May 12, (Reuters): Britain unveiled a £3 billion (\$5 billion) six-year trade deal with China yesterday — the biggest between the two countries.

The Confederation of British Industry (CBI) said agreements were signed over the past month between British provinces and municipalities and the 48 groups in the organisation of the British companies specialising in trade with China.

Starting in 1990, British firms will help modernise Chinese manufacturing industries, launch joint ventures and pass on technical know-how, a CBI statement said.

"These programmes mark a promising new development in the history of British-Chinese trade," CBI president Sir Trevor Holdsworth told a news conference.

"This we see as a contribution towards the breakthrough that is needed in UK-China trade."

Workers fire rockets

Shipyard workers from behind a barricade fire home-made rockets at police outside the 'Naval Gijon' shipyards. Workers continue their protests against government's reform programme. No one was reported injured during Thursday's workers-police clashes. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Higher oil prices boost earnings of Shell and BP

LONDON, May 12, (Reuters): Rising crude prices helped Europe's two biggest oil multinationals, Shell and BP, to higher profits for the first three months of 1989, the firms said yesterday.

The Royal Dutch/Shell group, number two in scale after Exxon among Western oil companies, said its first quarter net income rose 55 per cent to £1.281 billion (\$2.12 billion).

Results

That of British Petroleum Co PLC, ranked number four, more than doubled to £608 million (\$1.01 billion).

Profits of both were boosted strongly by gains in the value of their stocks of oil.

BP net income was down seven per cent at £381 million (\$632 million) if the oil

stock factor was excluded and Shell was up only 22 per cent at £1.106 billion (\$1.83 billion).

With the results, BP announced its first quarterly dividend, at 3.65 pence (six cents).

"They're solid sets of figures for both companies," said Chris Grudniewicz at London brokers Smith New Court.

"We are holding our own. It was not an outstanding quarter but a satisfactory quarter," said BP finance managing director David Simon.

BP earnings were helped by the sale of a stake of 15 per cent in its Magnus North Sea oil field for £136 million (\$225 million).

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Task force presents recommendations

NYME pledges increased trading surveillance

NEW YORK, May 12, (UPI): The New York Mercantile Exchange agreed yesterday to implement task force recommendations for increased surveillance of controversial trading practices already under government investigation.

"We are committed to implementing the recommendations," NYME president Rosemary McFadden said in a telephone interview with United Press International.

The task force urged increased surveillance of members buying oil for themselves and for their customers' accounts, but advised the controversial practice be allowed to continue.

"The task force recommends that the board maintain the exchange's current practices with respect to dual trading," the NYME said in an earlier statement.

The task force advocated "increased expenditures by the compliance department to increase its overall personnel,

including its floor surveillance capabilities, and to develop further computerized surveillance systems aimed at detecting trading abuses," the statement said.

Volume

Defenders say dual trading provides the volume of cash needed for a competitive market for trading in oil and oil products on the NYME, the nation's fourth largest commodity exchange.

The task force recommended "further studies of the effect that restrictions or limitations on dual trading would have on liquidity, competition, and-or the efficiency of the exchange's markets."

The study was ordered in February after grand jury began investigating practices at the nation's two largest commodity exchanges in Chicago, which federal officials say is unrelated to a criminal

probe of four New York exchanges.

Last Thursday, federal agents searched the offices of two traders and served subpoenas for information on more than 50 present and former members of the NYME, the Commodity Exchange, the Cotton Exchange and the Coffee, Sugar Cacao Exchange Inc.

The NYME task force presented its recommendations to the board late Tuesday.

McFadden said the report was presented to the general membership at morning meeting Wednesday of about 80 of the NYME's 750 members.

She said she and Lou Guttman, chairman of the 18-member board, made presentations, during which one or two "technical questions" were asked.

An exchange official, commenting on the condition of anonymity, told UPI Tuesday the NYME is prepared to double

or triple its surveillance budget to prevent such abuses as "front running."

Front running is the term for traders profiting from knowledge of large orders by buying for their own accounts before they buy for customers.

Money needs to be spent on high-speed, high-capacity computers to keep track on transactions by dual traders to prevent front running, the official said.

McFadden said, "dual trading is an institution at this point. Dual trading is legal. Front running is illegal under exchange rules and the commodity exchange act."

She added, "I think (front running) can be regulated by strict customers protection rules."

Asked if current rules were adequate, McFadden said, "I think we have good systems in place. That doesn't mean they can't be improved on."

Argentina faces tough economic reforms

Plan to cut debt burden

NEW YORK, May 12, (Reuters):

The winner of Sunday's Argentine presidential election needs to make bold and unpopular economic reforms in order to cut the country's debt burden and get back in the good graces of international bankers, bankers and political analysts said yesterday.

Argentina is on almost nobody's list when bankers discuss debt reduction envisaged by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, given the absence of interest payments on most foreign bank debt since April, 1988, tallying nearly \$3 billion of arrears with foreign commercial bank creditors.

Bankers said they harbour little hope of seeing a resumption of interest payments for years and believe some banks have already written off large chunks of Argentine debt as unpayable.

"If I were a betting man, I would say they (bank regulators) will downgrade these loans 15 to 20 per cent," a US banker said.

Debt

Even with the de-facto debt moratorium declared last year, Argentina has slid into economic chaos.

"I don't know that either candidate can put forward a programme to deal with the crisis. But debt reduction is not the issue right now," a US banker who has participated in Argentine debt talks said.

A dispirited Argentine electorate heads to the polls on Sunday, battered by a hyper-inflationary economy. The Argentine austral has lost more than half its value against the dollar in the past month, forcing a flight to hard currency and physical goods.

Economists expect inflation to top 40 per cent during May, after an estimated 35 per cent in March.

Egypt raises interest rates

CAIRO, May 12, (Reuters): Egypt's central bank yesterday raised domestic interest rates by two to three per cent in a move apparently designed to satisfy the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and pave the way for debt rescheduling.

The decision, effective from Monday, increases the maximum rate offered by banks to savers to 16 per cent from 13 per cent.

Interest rates on bank loans were also raised by two per cent with a maximum of 19 per cent.

Egyptian officials have said the raise — along standing demand by the IMF — were aimed at increasing savings.

Egypt is engaged in painful negotiations with the IMF over economic reforms and a team from the international body is expected in Cairo shortly for talks on details of a letter of intent prepared by the government.

Cairo, burdened with a \$43-billion foreign debt, hopes an agreement with the IMF would pave the way for rescheduling about \$4 billion due from July last year to the end of next month.

Nation-wide strike looms

Bid to protest Perez austerity plan

CARACAS, Venezuela, May 12, (AP): Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez completes his first 100 days in office today, with a nation-wide strike looming to protest his economic austerity plan.

The general strike planned next week would be the first in 31 years of democratic rule. It underscores the social democratic leader's difficulties in convincing Venezuelans that his programme will pull the oil-producing nation out of its economic woes.

Union leaders of the powerful Venezuelan Workers Confederation (CTV) have announced that the whole country will come to a

standstill on May 18, including airports and domestic and international flights.

This, they say, should force Perez "to twist and rectify" his controversial plan, which is backed by the International Monetary Fund.

The elimination overnight of a number of subsidies that for years had kept prices down triggered a wave of unprecedented violence in Caracas, leaving more than 300 dead in late February.

The violence underlined the radical changes in Venezuela since the 1973-78 period of Perez's first presidency, when the country was riding high on income

from petroleum sales.

Memories of the bonanza of those years helped Perez easily win a second term in December and he began his new term with a festive inauguration that drew more than 20 presidents, heads of state and a special US delegation headed by Vice-President Dan Quayle.

But public enthusiasm soon faded away under the crushing economic realities.

Inflation during the first four months of the year soared to 39 per cent. Fifteen per cent of the labour force of 5.8 millions are jobless, up from eight per cent last year.

Officials in US

Costa Rica aims to reduce foreign debt by half

SAN JOSE, May 12, (UPI): Two top government officials flew to New York yesterday for talks with banking officials aimed at reducing Costa Rica's foreign debt by half, the government said.

A government statement said Finance Minister Fernando Naranjo and Central Bank President Eduardo Lizano will hold a series of meetings with banking officials this week to seek renegotiation of Costa Rica's foreign debt.

With a total foreign debt of some \$4 billion and a population of about 2.5 million, the per capita foreign debt in Costa Rica is about \$1,600 — the highest in the developing world.

The officials will try to reduce Costa Rica's debt through the application of the "Brady Plan" devised by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady.

Debt

"Naranjo and Lizano will negotiate a menu of payment options aimed at reducing Costa Rica's foreign debt and, consequently, service on that debt," the statement said.

Before leaving, Naranjo told reporters he will refer to the terms of the Brady Plan, which would allow debtor nations to buy back part of their debt at a discounted price.

"We have great hopes that ... the banks will make a positive decision," Naranjo said. "One that will allow Costa Rica to buy back part of its debt and then to select a series of options aimed at reducing the principal and interest of the remaining debt."

Costa Rica already has proposed to halve its debt to private banks by buying the \$1.6 billion debt at a discount.

Naranjo said the other half eventually could be rebought "by using resources from the International Monetary Fund and World Bank to guarantee interest payments, as proposed in the Brady Plan, or by issuing bonds at a lower rate of interest, but without any guarantees."

He said another option would be to use the country's foreign reserves to buy back the rest of the private debt.

"We have proposed these measures in the past, but without success. Now, with the advent of the Brady Plan, we feel the time has come for their implementation," Naranjo said.

The government statement noted that Costa Rica is trying to renegotiate only its debt to private banks.

Compulsory savings scheme proposed

STOCKHOLM, May 12, (Reuters): Sweden's Social Democratic government proposed yesterday a temporary compulsory savings scheme for individuals and companies to put the brakes on an overheated economy.

But the plan came under immediate attack from the opposition and seemed headed for a stormy ride in Parliament where the Social Democrats are 19 seats short of an overall majority.

"The government should seriously consider resigning. This is not a reasonable way to run a country," said Conservative Party leader Carl Bildt, who flatly rejected the plan.

Under the scheme, which would be enforced between September 1989 and December 1990, Sweden would pay a sum equivalent to four per cent of their income tax into a closed account.

The plan, designed to lock up a total of 17 billion crowns (\$2.63 billion) would mean that a Swede earning 20,000 crowns (\$3,100) a month would be obliged to save about 400 (\$62) per month.

Repsol overwhelmed by investor interest

MADRID, May 12, (Reuters): Spanish state oil company Repsol said yesterday it had placed more than a quarter of its stocks with nearly 400,000 shareholders in Spain and abroad in Europe's biggest privatisation this year.

Company spokesman Jorge Segrelles told a news conference Repsol raised 135.58 billion pesetas (\$1.15 billion) by placing 79.75 million shares. It was Spain's largest single stock offering.

Repsol raised the offering of shares, which are being placed at a price of 1,700 pesetas (\$14.4) per share, from 72 million after demand from Spanish and foreign investors outstripped supply by five times, Segrelles said.

"Demand for our shares was far in excess of our most optimistic forecast," Repsol Finance Director Antonio Gonzalez Atalid said. He added that they had initially expected to attract no more than 250,000 investors.

Africa 'must do more on environment'

NAIROBI, May 12, (Reuters): Africa must do more to resolve its environmental problems if it wants greater outside help and results, the head of the UN Environmental Programme (UNEP) said yesterday.

UNEP executive director Mostafa Tolba said most African governments had yet to take the steps needed to implement an environmental campaign they launched in 1985.

Unless they did so, the so-called Cairo Programme for African Co-operation could not be expected to spearhead environmental recovery in the continent, he said.

"When that happens, we will begin to see results," he said, opening the three-day biennial meeting.

The Cairo programme aims to halt environmental degradation, and help Africans to produce enough food and energy.

Only four countries — Ghana, Senegal, Zaire and Zimbabwe — had met the Cairo programme's funding targets, Tolba said.

Qatar to get \$400 million loan for QGPC

DOHA, May 12, (OPECNA): The Qatar General Petroleum Corporation (QGPC) will receive a \$400 million loan from nine Gulf and international financing institutions to finance engineering works and offshore operations of the first stage of the giant North Field gas project.

The loan agreement, which was scheduled to be signed in March but was postponed for further financial studies, is now to be finalised later this month.

One-third of financing of the project will come from foreign sources, the rest from Qatar.

The Manama-based Gulf International Bank has made the arrangements for the financing and each of the nine institutions will contribute about \$44 million.

Tehran sanctions foreign borrowing

Move to finance major projects

NICOSIA, May 12, (Reuters):

Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Khomeini has given the go-ahead for foreign borrowing to finance major projects such as steel and energy, Iranian newspapers reported yesterday.

They published a set of policies and priorities drawn up by the High Council of Reconstruction, approved by Khomeini and passed on by President Ali Khamenei to the government last week.

The document charts a middle course in the debate over foreign borrowing to finance reconstruction of the war-damaged infrastructure which has been raging in Iran since last August's ceasefire in the war against Iraq.

Resources

It did not put a ceiling on the amount of foreign funding the government could seek but set many conditions to ensure that the country's interests are looked after in the process.

"The use of foreign resources must be with the total preservation of the interests and sovereignty of the Islamic republic and within the foreign policy framework of the country, and without the creation of the slightest political dependence," it said.

The document was signed by Khamenei, the head of the council which includes Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi and other senior officials.

The president said in a covering letter, also published in the newspapers, that the guidelines, the result of five months of work by the council, were presented to Khomeini in March. He had now approved them.

The document said foreign capital could be used to fund specific projects only in major fields such as steel, power generation, gas, oil and petrochemicals.

These projects should lead to savings in hard currency or generate new hard currency revenue.

They should ensure transfer of technology to Iran and training of local experts and give priority to the use of domestic primary

and intermediate materials.

Repayments for each project should start if possible not before it comes on stream and in any case should not interfere with the country's necessary hard currency outlays.

The council listed barter and advice sale of commodities such as crude oil as other means of financing reconstruction projects.

Loans

Iran estimates the damage caused to its economy by eight years of fighting in the Gulf at hundreds of billions of dollars.

Some officials, like Deputy Prime Minister Hamid Mirzadeh who is in overall charge of reconstruction, have said foreign borrowing would hurt Iran's independence.

Ayatollah Ali Meshkin, the influential Friday prayer leader of the holy city of Qom, was quoted in December as saying the government should take loans to ease the shortage of consumer goods.

But he said that there would be no sudden reduction in the so-called "twin deficits" which have been the subject of strong criticism at home and abroad.

The government budget deficit should drop to around \$100 billion in the 1990 fiscal year but the external trade gap would probably not narrow as much this year as it did in 1988, he said.

Under the balanced budget act, the US Congress has set \$100 billion as a target for the 1990 budget deficit.

But, OECD economists see the budget deficit declining more slowly to \$149 billion in 1990 from \$155 billion in both 1989 and 1988.

Major trading partners have been pressing for both deficits to be reduced to head off a threat to industrial world growth.

Boskin said the recent budget accord between the Bush administration and Congress was the first reached on time and "outside the atmosphere of crisis."

Shocks

He said that the causes of recession — sudden external shocks such as the 1970s oil price jumps, bad policy mistakes or serious imbalances in the economy — do not exist at present.

The White House's primary goal in economic policy was, "to make sure we sustain growth," he said.

Rekindled

Inflation concerns, rekindled since the middle of last year, have forced industrial nations to raise interest rates and upset currency markets.

In Europe, concern that West

US retail sales surge

WASHINGTON, May 12, (AP): US retail sales, aided a rebound in auto purchases, rose a modest 0.4 per cent in April, the government reported yesterday.

The Commerce Department said sales climbed to a seasonally adjusted \$139.9 billion last month after remaining flat in March and falling 0.4 per cent in February.

The March figure was revised from an advance estimate of a 0.1 per cent gain.

The April sales report was much weaker than expected by most economists, who anticipated a surge of between one per cent and two per cent after two slow months.

Activity

Retail spending accounts for about one-third of overall economic activity and is closely watched as a measure of overall economic growth.

Yesterday's report was expected to please stock and bond traders, who are looking for evidence of an economic slowdown as confirmation that the Federal Reserve Board — the US central bank — can continue the pause in its drive to fight inflation with higher interest rates.

Auto sales rose a strong 1.1 per cent in April, the first increase since November. Sales had fallen 0.5 per cent in March and 1.8 per cent in February.

In recent weeks, carmakers have launched a new round of incentive programmes in hopes of turning customers back into showrooms despite high interest rates for loans.

Excluding the automotive category, sales rose a sluggish 0.2 per cent last month after inching up 0.1 per cent in February.

Much of the strength outside of autos came at department and other general merchandise stores and at specialty clothing shops.

The Commerce Department said general merchandise sales were up 1.0 per cent following a 0.1 per cent gain in March.

Clothing stores reported a 3.6 per cent gain last month, compared with a 0.5 per cent drop a month earlier. It was the biggest jump since February 1987.

Sales of durable goods, "big ticket" items expected to last three or more years, rose only 0.1 per cent in April after falling 0.9 per cent in March.

Sales of non-durable goods, meanwhile, rose 0.6 per cent following a 0.5 per cent rise.

For the three months from February through April, overall retail sales were up 5.0 per cent from the same period in 1988, not much better than the rate of inflation.

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12.00 News in Brief
12.15 Magazine D'Actualite
SUNDAY
6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 Dennis The Menace. A cartoon serial for children
6.30 The Scientific Eye "Earth Limited". A look at raw materials and the possibility of recycling their utilisation...
7.00 In the Wild With Harry "Tropical Australia" (Part II). A look at animals, reptiles and snakes living in such harsh environment and their growth.
7.30 Sea Hunt "Girl In The Trunk". A false magician keeps a girl in a trunk which is pushed down to sea bottom, where a diver opens it and the girl swims to the surface. But jealousy changes the magician's plan!
8.00 News in English
8.30 Murder, She Wrote "Dead Pass". Omara, a theatrical critic is murdered by an unknown person.
9.30 Nature Watch. A look at a bird similar to a hen that lives in a very cold environment in Japan and how it is adapted to such environment...
10.00 You Can't Take It With You
10.30 Best-Seller "Lonesome Dove" (Part II)
12.00 News in Brief
12.45 Magazine D'Actualite.
MONDAY
6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 Blood Six: A cartoon serial for children
6.30 Wild America. "Yellow Stone River". More details about fish called

This week on KTV 2

cutthroat which moves from Yellow Stone lake to Yellow Stone river.
7.00 River Report. A weekly round-up of local, Arab and international news, events and activities...
7.30 Charles In Charge "War". Migan a new girl-friend of Charles admires his way of dealing with young children
8.00 News in English
8.30 Paradise. "The Holstered Gun". Three criminal brothers kill the sheriff and frighten the people who find their own way to get rid of them. How?
9.30 227. "Country Cousins". When Mary and Lester go to the reading of his uncle's will, they are both surprised to learn they have distant cousins.
10.00 Hitchcock. "My Dear Watson". A competition is held between Sherlock Holmes and one of the criminals who kidnapped his friend Watson...
10.30 French Film
12.00 News in Brief
12.15 Magazine D'Actualite
TUESDAY
6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 The Pink Panther and Sea. A cartoon serial for children
6.30 Captain Power (Part 6). Fal, survivor of one of these attacks, manages to capture the real Captain Power... Fal is forced to choose and learns the meaning of trust.
7.00 Brazil (Prog 3). Water, Land and Survival. A comparison is held between the southern and

northern parts of Brazil from the social and economic aspects
8.00 News in English
8.30 The Fourth Arm. The participants are kept under control and certain members are sent to France to collect information about the Germans...
9.30 Mutual of Omaha. "Water Holes". Julian and Scott concoct a plan to tell Aunt Rhonda of the untimely death of her husband.
10.30 Midnight Caller. "No Exit". A girl feels sick when she realised that she is exploited through mean ways by a crooked man.
11.30 News in brief
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite
WEDNESDAY
6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 The Racoon. A cartoon series for children
6.30 Mac and Minky. A look at rosy parrots.
7.00 Danger Bay. "Eagles Fly Alone".
7.30 Body Matters. "Standing Up".
8.00 News in English
8.30 You and the Law
8.45 Sonny and Spoon. "The Tough Habit". Sonny is charged to find an orphan young girl by a tough nun who runs an orphanage.
9.30 The Cosby Show. Cosby exploits his youngest daughter because of borrowing money from him.
10.00 Just for the Record.
10.30 Feature Film. "The Woman He Loved".
12.00 News in Brief
12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

THURSDAY

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 Denver in the Chips.
6.30 The New Mickey Mouse Club.
7.00 The Musters To Day. "Flyweight Champion".
7.30 TNT. "Latest Development".
8.00 News in English
8.30 Beauty and the Beast. "Sticks & Stones".
9.30 Paul Daniel's Magic Show.
10.30 Feature Film. "Partners in Crime". Starring: Lioni Anderson, Lynda Carter. Carole, a press photographer, plans to continue the search for a jewel whose husband spent a long time to find.
12.30 News in Brief
12.45 Magazine D'Actualite
FRIDAY
4.00 Opening and Holy Quran
4.10 Centurions. A cartoon serial for children
4.30 Italian Football
5.30 The American Basketball
6.30 Inter Bang. "Appointment in Rome".
7.00 Star Trek. "Conspiracy".
8.00 News in English
8.30 Breaking Away.
8.45 Big League Soccer.
9.30 The Charmings. "Eric". Eric feels jealous when his wife, Snow, leaves for New York with one of her colleagues on a working mission!
10.00 Tales from the Darkside. "Word Processor Of The Gods". A story of a man who received a computer as a gift from his deceased brother... A businessman disappears with a large sum of money. Henry the detective is missioned to find him by all means...
10.30 Blue Blood. "Bounty". A businessman disappears with a large sum of money. Henry the detective is missioned to find him by all means...
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11.45 Magazine D'Actualite

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING
9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Sabah Al Khir
9.15 Cartoons
9.45 Magazine D'Actualite
10.00 Yassen Wa Bahiya: Arabic Serial (Part 3)
10.45 News and Varieties
11.00 Al Aswar: Local serial (Part 3)
12.00 News and Varieties
12.15 Al Sufrat Al Khaliya: programme presented by Afnan Al Zayani
1.00 News Summary
EVENING
4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 The World via Satellite
4.45 Sherlock Holmes: cartoon serial
5.15 Al Fannan Al Saghir: local children programme, presented by Mohamed Al Sheikh.
6.00 Qanadel Shabiya: historical programme, presented by Ahmad Abdul Qader
8.00 Al Amn Wa Al Muwatan: local programme
8.30 Masa' Al Khir and Local News
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Layali Al Hilmiya: Daily Arabic Serial, starring Yahya Al Fakhrani, Safiya Al Omari, Hassan Yusuf and Ahmad Mathhar
10.45 Ahlam Am Sayed: Arabic feature: starring Ahmad Rateb, Fotouh Ahmad, and Maha Abu Ouf
12.15 News Summary
12.30 The World via Satellite



A scene from Mickey and Donald on KTV 2 at 6.10 pm today.

KTV 2

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KTV 1 weekly highlights

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11.00 Al Aswar: Local serial (Part 3)
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10.45 Ahlam Am Sayed: Arabic feature, starring Ahmad Rateb, Fotouh Ahmad, and Maha Abu Ouf
SUNDAY
9.15 Cartoons
12.00 Believe It or Not
5.15 Tum Tac Wa Atfal: Local programme

5.30 Lila Min Alf Lila Wa Lila: Children programme
7.45 Diwanat Shuara' Al Nabat: Local programme
10.45 Sahra Munawar: Local programme, guest artist Mohammed Abdoh.
MONDAY
9.45 The World Via Satellite
10.45 News Summary and 12.15 Magazine D'Actualite
12.00 Cinema Film
5.45 Sherlock Holmes: cartoon serial
5.15 Mama Anisa Wa Saighar: local children programme, prepared by Samiya Mohammed
7.45 Holy Quran and Science: local programme
8.30 Masa' Al Khir and local news
10.45 Ana Thanbi Eih: Arabic feature film, starring Layla Fouzi, Mohsen

Sarhan, Farid Shawqi and Tahya Caryouka.
TUESDAY
10.00 Yassen Wa Bahiya: Arabic serial (Part 6)
11.00 Al Aswar: Local serial (Part 6)
12.00 Variety programme
4.15 The World Via Satellite
5.45 Nahno Asdaq'ak: local programme, presented by Wafa' Taha
7.30 Agricultural Magazine: Local programme
9.45 Layali Al Hilmiya: Daily Arabic serial (Part 6)
10.30 Min Alf Lila Wa Lila: Local programme
12.00 Cinema Film
5.45 Sherlock Holmes: cartoon serial
5.15 Mama Anisa Wa Saighar: local children programme, prepared by Samiya Mohammed
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(Part 1): Starring: Abdul Majid Majid, Mubarak Al Kabi, Muna Wasef and Nadiyah Hamdi
8.00 Al Iskan: Local programme
10.45 Wadi Al Ghozlan: Bedouin serial (Part 2), Starring: Mahmoud Saeed, Sabah Jazari and Adib Qadoura
THURSDAY
10.30 Al Amira Al Jamila: Foreign film for children
12.00 Cinema Film
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Abdul Minim Ibrahim, Shahira, and Tahya Caryouka
12.30 Iktarnak Lakom: Local variety programme
FRIDAY
9.45 Majalat Al Aftal: Local children programme
10.30 Fayez Al Tush: Arabic serial (Last Part)
11.15 Friday prayers
12.20 Alwan: Local variety programme
2.00 Nahno Asdaq'ak: Local programme
2.15 Looking for Adventure: Cultural film
3.30 Cartoons
4.00 Ma' Boudat: Arabic feature film
6.15 El Kuwait Fi Osbon: Weekly local programme
7.40 Ma'a Al Osa: Local programme
8.45 Hadith Al Osbon: Presented by Ali Al Jasar
9.45 Wrestling
10.30 Hikayat Ma'a Al Nojoom: Variety programme. Today's guest Ismail Yassen

NIGHT CHEMIST

Karwa
Al Omar Pharmacy
Mubarak Al Kabi St
Al Awkat Building
Ghorata Pharmacy
Fahd Al Salem St
Al Rashid Building
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Andalus Pharmacy
Tunis St, Hawalli
Zaid Al Sarhan Building
Sahbiya and Rasmithiya
Al Quds Pharmacy
Amman St
Abdul Karim Al Miza'al Building
Fahsheel and Almadhi
Abu Hulaifa Pharmacy
Coastal Road, opposite to Abu Halifa Secondary School for Boys
Farwaniya
Al Jazira Pharmacy
Main St, Homoud Hayef Al Rashidi Building
Jahra
Al Nour Pharmacy
Matafi St, Abdul Aziz Al Nasrallah Building

CINEMA TODAY

Andalus
Iron Angels
Sahbiya
Nuts
Hawalli
Arabic film
Drive-In
Arabic film
Firdous
Andha Yudh
Starring: Raj Babbar, Pallavi Joshi
Fahsheel Open-air
Gungahat
Fahsheel
Theruvu Narthagi
Jahra
Deadly Reactor
Granada
Security Unlimited
Sulabikhat
Arabic film
Al Jeeb
1921
Ahmadi Drive-In
Cry Freedom
PRAYERS
Fajr 3.28 am
Zuhr 11.44
Asr 3.20 pm
Maghreb 6.32
Isha 7.58

WHAT'S ON

ARTS
Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.
Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.
Sudu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.
Bangladesh Art Show
MAY 13-27: Bangladesh artist Monirul Islam will show 45 paintings at the Kuwait National Museum. Islam's paintings revolve around the life of Bangladeshis. Landscapes are also on show. The exhibition will be open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4 to 7.30 pm. It has been organised by the Bangladesh Association.
MUSIC
Kuwait Singers
KUWAIT Singers present "Stage Struck" an evening of show songs from Broadway and the West End at Gulf English School, Salwa on Wednesday 24th May and Thursday 25th May at 8.00 pm. Price KD3 to include refreshments. For reservations please phone 5317433/5384873.
Geet and Gazals
MAY 19: A musical programme "Bohool Bisyar Geet Gazals" is to take place at Sharq auditorium. They are also on the lookout for singers to participate in this programme. Those interested

may contact: Anwar H. Abdulla - 3989111 ext. 6811; 8 am - 3 pm.
SOCIAL
German-speaking Cultural Association
MAY 14, 10 am: Due to the Eid holiday, the next coffee morning for the German-speaking ladies will be held on Sunday at the Holiday Inn Hotel. All are welcome.
Danish Coffee Morning
MAY 14: Danish ladies invite all Danish ladies for coffee morning at the Dana Restaurant, May 14, 9.30 am. For reservations call Ingise - 3713670; Marianne - 3720182 ext. 29.
Musical evening
MAY 17 (8.30 pm): The Phil Thomas Sextet and Karl and Christine Anderson with their band present an evening of British and American jazz, rock and pop music at the Holiday Inn. For reservations contact: 5629452/483438/5387998.
Ex-The go-together
MAY 18: Roorkee University Alumni Association will have a family get-together. For details contact tel. 2551305 or 5631325.
Casuals Cricket Club
MAY 18: 8 pm. Messiah Beach Hotel. Annual dinner with special guest speaker Brian Clegg CBE, former captain of England and Yorkshire. Courtesy of British Airways. Live music. For tickets and information call Simon Clements (53333248) or Val Tudball (537159).
Konkani Drama
JUNE 15, 16: Nashibacho Diva Palunlo, the Konkani drama which has been scheduled to stage on May 18 and 19 has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances. The MAR productions drama, directed by Prem Kumar, now plans to stage on June 15 and 16 at 4.00 pm at Indian Arts Circle.
Kuwait Caledonians
MAY 18: Messiah Beach Hotel. The Caledonians will hold a "celeidh" (gathering)

with entertainment by John Carmichael and others. Tel: 5335082; 3727690 ext. 253.
Summer Bazaar
MAY 19: 2.00 pm, St Pauls Ahmadi, grand summer bazaar at the new British Consulate in the British Embassy grounds, sale of handicrafts, paperbacks, preserves good as new, plants, bottle stall, white elephant, numerous fun side shows etc. Plus prize draw for British Airways round trip ticket Kuwait-London, Delhi, Madras or Karachi.
Arabian Nights
MAY 19th, "Arabian Nights" evening at the Jawhara Night-club, Messiah Beach Hotel. Dress: Middle-Eastern of past or present. 20 costumes prizes. Tel.: 4847461, 2418017, 4846843 ext. 4515, or leave message on 2614201.
ACT play
MAY 16-18: ACT presents a play by Raymond Briggs, "When the Wind Blows" at the Mousetrap Theatre in Jahriya at 8 pm both days. For reservations call: 5620332, 4-8 pm.
Jukebox 5
MAY 23-25: The Sounds Great production of Jukebox 5, will be presented at the Salmiyah Cinema at 8 pm and also at 5 pm on May 25. For reservations ring 5740256/7 (mornings) and 4 to 7 pm or 5718143 or 5731782. Tickets will be on sale at Salmiyah Cinema Box Office from May 14.
Nomads Oval Ball
MAY 25 (Thursday): Nomads Oval Ball at Holiday Inn hotel. Formal dress; 7.30 pm start. Guest speaker from UK. Music and buffet dinner. Limited number of tickets available. For details call Graham Adams - 5644533; Hugh McAree 5326328.
Mando Festival
MAY 26: For the first time in the history of Goans in Kuwait - Kuwait Konkani Kendri (KKKK) is going to organise a Konkani Mando Festival at

Hotel Meridien starting at 10.30 am.
Get-together
JUNE 16: The Go-Go Club will be having a get-together at the Ramada Al-Salem Hotel from 11 am onwards with Stepping Stone and Symphony in attendance. For details contact Raju 2412970.
HOTELS
At the Holiday Inn
SWIMMING lessons have commenced which is available for non members. Mondays (6 to 7 pm) separate ladies and men fit classes with Steve and Chris Hill.
Saturdays and Wednesdays (5 to 6 pm) ladies aerobics and Saturdays (6 to 7 pm) mixed aerobics, with Touvi Paskalos.
Saturdays and Tuesdays yoga (7 to 8 pm).
Bowling alley available for company tournaments. Sundays squash handicap tournament, all standards welcome... Tennis coaching available for non-members.
Additional facilities available under the supervision of selective professionals: loss of weight, body building, massage (steam, oil, and creams) for ladies and men. For details contact the recreation department, Tel. 4742000, ext. 6788/6700.
At the Holiday Inn
AT the Coffee Shop: A sumptuous buffet for lunch or dinner. Half price per child.
At the Vienna Cafe: Delectable... luscious cakes and pastries, served with coffee, tea and juices with the Gharibian Trio providing music.
At Al Andalus: Family brunch - a wholesome day for the family. Entertainment includes Walt Disney cartoon characters plus performance from the great magician. Let your kids enjoy every minute of the day. Delicious mouth watering food and a variety of desserts.
At the swimming pool: It's a great night out by the pool, starting at 8.00 pm. Barbecue,

music, games, prizes and surprises awaits each one. Bring your family and friends and savor our delicious shazard barbecue. Come all... and enjoy the start of our barbecue season.
At the Kuwait Plaza
TRADITIONAL Arabic music: The famous oud player, Fawzi Jamal entertains Plaza guests at the Noura Terrace with traditional Arabic music. He also sings the most known and celebrated songs of the good old days.
International music: Italian, Eastern and American music played at Marcopolo restaurant. The new duo 'Stan n Alice' are renowned for their versatility. Their music includes Russian jazz, pop, light rock. For reservations contact 2438800, ext. 760.
First Kuwaiti gourmet shop: A unique opportunity to try all sorts of Kuwaiti delicacies and Middle Eastern sweets, contact 2438800, ext. 757.
At the SAS
BISTRETTO: SAS hotel's Italian restaurant exquisitely designed to create a cool and elegant atmosphere. Perfect setting for your breakfast, lunch or dinner. Enjoy Friday brunch with the whole family.
Peacock Room: Authentic Chinese dishes served in perfect Oriental setting. Come and have lunch and dinner with us and experience the feel of the Orient.
Al Boom: Looking for authentic Kuwaiti setting? Well, come aboard and join us. We offer a wide range of grilled items and of course our extensive mezzah buffet. Open for lunch on Thursdays and Fridays only, and dinner daily.
Clock: The only drive-in restaurant in town. If you are always on the go, please drop by and we will serve you with varied fast food items along with our very own specialities on the dot.
Edam: Our gourmet shop offers wide varieties of pastries and other delicacies. We also

have a diet corner for weight watchers.
For reservations call 5657000.
SPORTS
Tennis Fun Cup
MAY 18-24: The first Tennis Nation's Fun Cup will be held on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Federal Republic of Germany. Twenty-four teams are expected to participate in the tournament, due to be held at the Regency Palace Hotel. Each team should consist of three players, including one female, of the same nationality. For registration, teams must submit names and passport copies of team members to be Fitness Centre, Regency Palace Hotel. Fees: KD18 per team. Public draw on May 16. May 25, 3-8 pm, finals to be followed by tennis party, open to the public. For queries call the German West Office: Tel: 5728000 ext 7204.
Palarong postponed
KAPILKU, the Association of Filipinos in Kuwait, has postponed the Palarong Filipino - mini-Olympics - to May 19. The mini-Olympics were scheduled to be held on Friday, May 12 at the Keifan Stadium. Kapilku Vice-President Bong Lio Mo said they postponed the games because of exams at the Arabic schools. The gymnasium and stadium in Keifan are not available for the games, he said.
The games will be held on May 19 at Keifan Stadium. He said all teams and individuals participating in the Palarong Filipino can get further details from VP Sports and Recreation Freddie Fernando - Tel: 5624509.
Swimming Classes
MAY 24: Swimming classes, total 8 lessons - every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday at the Kuwait International Hotel. Details at ext. 8050. May 9- June 12: Tennis clinic with a choice of 3 different schedules. Details at ext. 8050 with Antony Kingma.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services
0000 Newswatch
30 Personal View
45 Recording of the Week
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
25 Financial News
30 Poetry of the Century
45 Book Choice
50 New ideas
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 People and Politics
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
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09 News about Britain
15 Poetry of the Century (ex 20th Sports World)
30 Ten Years of Mrs Thatcher
English
MORNING
0800 Opening
0805 Songs and Music
0815 Science Journal
0820 Songs and Music
0840 Songs and Music
0915 Daily Programme
0930 Radio Magazine
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1030 Songs and Music
1100 Closedown
EVENING
2100 Opening
2105 Bits and Bytes
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2200 Facts About Zionism
2215 Magazine Special
2245 Radio Programme
2300 Full Mel
2400 Closedown
Urdu
1900 Opening Holy Quran
1910 Baitarzan Quil
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Mischievous, original and playing with taboo

Outrageous still — Banshees of punk



Twelve years on, Siouxsie of the Banshees, still remains an anomaly in British pop, with an increasingly adventurous musical style that has never been assimilated.

By Mark Cooper

TWELVE years have turned Siouxsie into a pop institution complete with her very own waxwork at Virgin's Oxford Street Megastore, a hundred yards or so from the 100 Club, when the Banshees made their debut in an early punk festival.

That first performance consisted of a 20-minute assault on The Lord's Prayer, designed to cement the impression Siouxsie had made when accompanying the Sex Pistols on their infamous interview with Bill Grundy on the Today programme.

The 19-year-old Siouxsie called Grundy "a dirty old man" and specialised in outfits designed to parody and outrage British sexual hypocrisy. Those 20 minutes of fearsome noise hardly suggested that Siouxsie would survive the immediate thrill of punk or that the Banshees would become elder statesmen of that dawn of discontent.

Despite some 20 singles and 11 albums, Siouxsie has never surrendered gracefully to the treadmill of a pop career.

Lingers

While punk still lingers amidst the youth in uniforms who wander forlornly on Carnaby Street and the majority of her peers have lost their way, Siouxsie and her partner, Steve Severin, have continued to mine a rich dark seam of psychological disturbance.

If Siouxsie's self-invention often appears to have conclusively erased the memory of her prior incarnation as Susan Janet Dallon of Mottingham, South London, much of her redoubtable imagination still draws on her childhood for its sustenance.

Nursery and playground rhymes flit in and out of the songs on the Banshees' new L.P., *Peepshow*, like knowing, teasing riddles half-remembered from a strange, exotic land.

"I remember feelings from my childhood rather than specific incidents," explains an almost garrulous Siouxsie. "Children are quite mad really; the logic of a child is quite crazy but much more real and honest as well. There's so much research to be done on how little people see big people."

"To me, childhood was like Gulliver's Travels. I see it as a wide-eyed way of looking; grown-ups are like another species to a child and there's various different ways that a grown up can use or abuse that. Childhood is such a fertile land."

Behind Siouxsie's shock of hair and the profound sense of indifference she manages to convey, she remains obsessed with the murder of innocence.

While her career has profited from her sustained performance as a haughty ice queen poised somewhere between Disney and Dali, she remains a breathless enthusiast once her considerable guard is down.

Much of her hauteur comes from a natural shyness shared with Severin. "People often think I'm cold, snooty and aloof but a lot of it stems from shyness. I need to gauge people before I can relax with them. I really need to sit in a room for a while with someone before I make up my mind."



Siouxsie at 31: a haughty ice queen somewhere between Disney and Dali.

"I always feel that once you talk to somebody, you've committed yourself to them. I can't stand nervous chatter or people who force themselves upon me. I'm perfectly happy with my own company. More than most people, I am wary of strangers, and not because of who I am but of how I am."

Siouxsie grew up in a small, female-dominated house in South London. Her mother now runs an off-licence and she was brought out of herself by an elder sister who got the best out of the more colourful aspects of the Sixties. She had endured a variety of dead-end jobs before falling in with Severin with whom she shared a "spirit of irreverence" — not rebellion because that's something you grow out of.

That fateful performance at the 100 Club ran quite contrary to Siouxsie's natural instincts although her shyness is an odd explanation for her style of dress. "I became a performer," she says. "I certainly wasn't someone who'd burst into song."

After 12 years, Siouxsie remains an anomaly in British pop, with an increasingly adven-

turous musical style that has never been assimilated. She refuses to play Wembley, despite the financial advantages, because "it's non-theatrical, it's a cattle market and it reeks of people filling their coffers and furthering their status and managing to despair both of chart pop and its supposed independent alternative."

She likes to confront taboos and offend people's parents while loving the kind of pop that manages to be mischievous and original enough to stand proud amidst the normal chart fodder. Prince is her current favourite.

Her own songwriting deals with symbols and obsessions while borrowing from fables, horror stories and the "fantastic but true." While her detractors insist that her imagination is merely Gothic, Siouxsie is not so much interested in schlock horror as the trauma behind the scream, "the thing hidden behind the surface."

She loves the Dali sequence in Hitchcock's *Spellbound* because it then locates the dream sequence in a childhood incident — the railings, a pram, a brother. If the Banshees still delight in playing with taboos, their arcane stories pinpoint sexual exploitation in songs like *Peek-A-Boo* in a manner that's knowing, ironic and firmly moral.

Fear

During the Banshees' last tour in 1985, Siouxsie broke a leg and was obliged to complete the dates sitting on a throne-like affair. She is delighted to be performing on full throttle this time around with a rejuvenated band, a new stage set and a new set of songs that have considerably more depth than some of the Banshees' early headlong rushes.

At 31, her one nagging fear is how her invention will grow old gracefully. "I was walking along Lake Geneva on my own a couple of weeks ago and I looked up and all these people were staring at me. I started getting paranoid and wondering if I looked like Gloria Swanson in *Sunset Boulevard*. She's so lost in her own world that she doesn't see the grotesque side of what she's become. I hope I never become like that because she's a victim and I'd hate to be pitied."



Kylie Minogue is No. 1 in UK

Bon Jovi topples Madonna

NEW YORK, (AP): *I'll Be There For You* by Bon Jovi took over the top spot on the pop singles record charts in the United States. The hit disc hopped up from second position a week ago.

Jody Watley's *Real Love* climbed from fifth to second place on the Cash Box magazine chart, and Madonna's *Like A Prayer* tumbled from number one to third.

Last week's number three hit, *Funky Cold Medina* by Tone-Loc, slipped to fifth.

The week's only newcomer to the top 10 list this week was *After All* by Cher and Peter Cetera, up from 14th to 9th.

As for the country-and-western singles, Alabama's *If I Had You* moved to number one on the Cash Box magazine chart. *Young Love* by the Judds was second, and *Is It Still Over?* by Randy Travis was third.

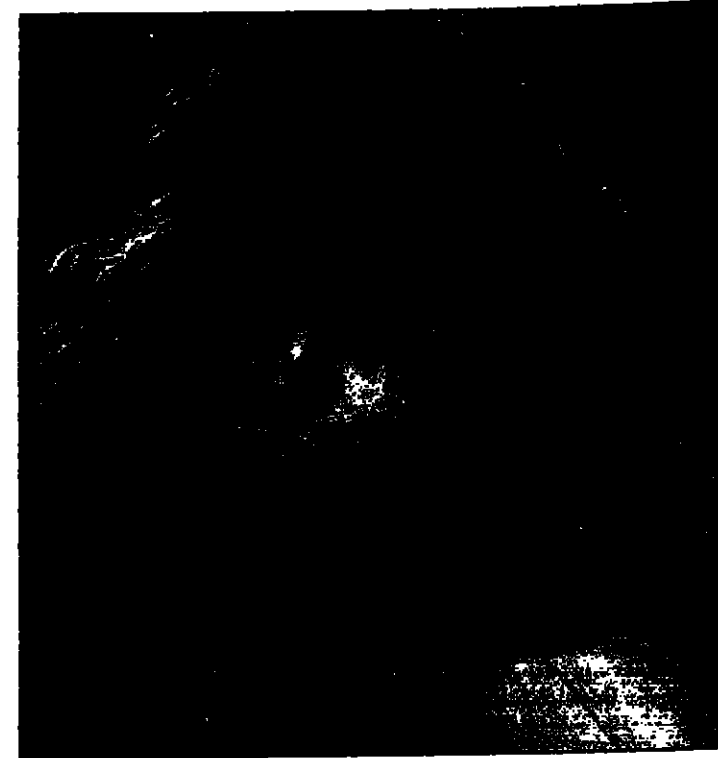
Top Ten US

The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) *I'll Be There For You* — Bon Jovi (Mercury-Polygram).
2. (5) *Real Love* — Jody Watley (MCA).
3. (1) *Like A Prayer* — Madonna (Sire).
4. (6) *Forever Your Girl* — Paula Abdul (A&M).
5. (3) *Funky Cold Medina* — Tone-Loc (Delicious Vinyl).
6. (4) *Heaven Help Me* — Deon Estus and George Michael (MCA-Polydor).
7. (7) *Second Chance* — 38 Special (A and M).
8. (10) *Cult of Personality* — Living Colour (Epic).
9. (14) *After All* — Cher and Peter Cetera (Geffen).
10. (8) *She Drives Me Crazy* — Fine Young Cannibals (IRS).



Madonna: slipped to No. 3



Jon Bon Jovi No. 1 in USA

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) *If I Had You* — Alabama (RCA).
2. (1) *Young Love* — The Judds (Curb-RCA).
3. (5) *Is It Still Over?* — Randy Travis (Warner Brothers).
4. (3) *Don't Toss Us Away* — Patty Loveless (MCA).
5. (10) *After All This Time* — Rodney Crowell (Columbia).
6. (4) *Tell It Like It Is* — Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America).
7. (6) *The Church On Cumberland Road* — Shenandoah (Columbia).
8. (7) *Hey Bobby* — K.T. Oslin (RCA).
9. (9) *Big Dreams In A Small Town* — Restless Heart (RCA).
10. (15) *I Got You* — Dwight Yoakam (Warner Brothers).

London, (AP): Australian Kylie Minogue moved to the top of the British pop singles chart this week with her new hit *Hand On Your Heart*, "bumping Bangles' *Eternal Flame* into second place after four weeks as number one."

I Want It All by Queen came from off the charts to third spot,

followed by *Requiem* by the London Boys and *Miss You Like Crazy* by Natalie Cole.

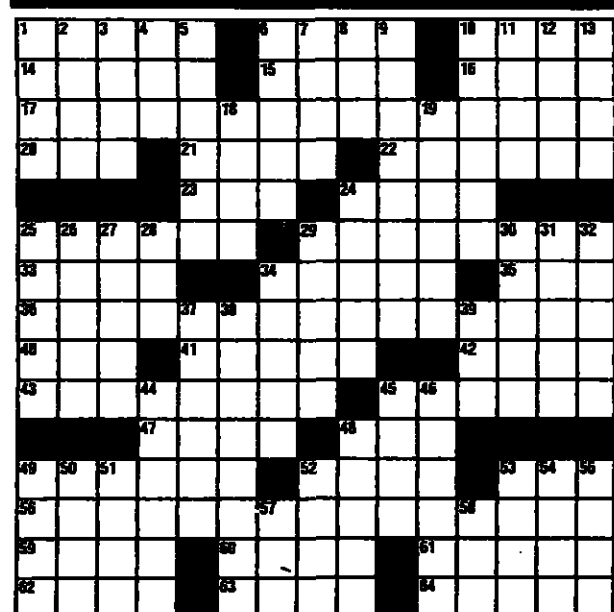
Also making its first appearance in the top 10 this week is *Bring Me Edelweiss* by Edelweiss.

Top Ten UK

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

1. (2) *Hand On Your Heart* — Kylie Minogue (PWL).
2. (1) *Eternal Flame* — Bangles (CBS).
3. (—) *I Want It All* — Queen (Parlophone).
4. (3) *Requiem* — London Boys (Teldec-WEA).
5. (7) *Miss You Like Crazy* — Natalie Cole (EMI USA).
6. (24) *Bring Me Edelweiss* — Edelweiss (WEA).
7. (3) *Baby I Don't Care* — Transvision Vamp (MCA).
8. (5) *If You Don't Know Me By Now* — Simply Red (Elektra).
9. (10) *Beds Are Burning* — Midnight Oil (CBS).
10. (8) *Who's In The House* — Beatmasters With Merlín (Rhythm King).

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 First letter in the Hebrew alphabet
 - 6 Control — precursor
 - 10 Stumble
 - 14 "— on Rose": Pfaf song
 - 15 General Bradley
 - 16 Opponent of the tortoise
 - 17 WHITE
 - 20 TV breaks
 - 21 Mountain passes
 - 22 Wheel parts
 - 23 Isle of —, England
 - 24 Clumsy craft
 - 25 Tolls diligently
 - 29 Household item
 - 33 Certainly not theirs
 - 34 Tableware
 - 35 George's brother
 - 36 GREY
 - 40 Need for Sneed
 - 41 Amass
 - 42 The wife of Zeus
 - 43 Like sorority members
 - 45 Opted
 - 47 Ophidian sound
 - 48 Former Chinese leader
 - 49 Burning
 - 52 Part of a large fern
 - 53 Tennis play
 - 56 BLACK
 - 59 Jal —
 - 60 Where Alençon is
 - 61 "Daphnis and Chloe" composer
 - 62 FDR's mother
 - 63 Says "I do"
 - 64 Eddy
- DOWN**
- 1 Jova's duchess
 - 2 Fat
 - 3 Arden et al.
 - 4 Entertainer
 - 5 One who hides from trouble
 - 6 Covered with lather
 - 7 Large rathies
 - 8 Fond du —, Wis.
 - 9 Like some painted walls
 - 10 Bedcovers
 - 11 4-beat gait
 - 12 Dies
 - 13 Stimulates, with "up"
 - 18 Mineo and Magli
 - 19 City in Portugal
 - 24 Fit as a fiddle
 - 25 Attellers, in SoHo
 - 26 Gold coins of the Roman Empire
 - 27 Chesses from France
 - 28 A Johnson
 - 29 — Lane Theatre: London
 - 30 Mah-jongg pieces
 - 31 "— Ben Jonson!"
 - 32 Unbeliever
 - 34 What not to carry to New Castle
 - 37 Wine city in France
 - 38 Short weapon used by an equestrian
 - 39 Greek letter
 - 44 Muse of comedy
 - 45 One of a deck
 - 46 Decorations
 - 48 Filices' mothers
 - 49 Amo. —, amat
 - 50 Former White House pet
 - 51 Ananias
 - 52 Musical group
 - 53 One of Jacob's sons
 - 54 Terminator's partner
 - 55 American inventor
 - 57 Galena
 - 58 Kind of deal
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**
- DAVE LAMPS MALLY
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♠ A 10 5 4
♥ A 7 6 5
♦ 6 5 3
♣ 7 5

WEST
♠ 3 2
♥ K 4
♦ 4 2
♣ K J 9 8 6 4 2

EAST
♠ J 9 8
♥ 10 9 8 2
♦ J 10 9 7
♣ 10 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q 7 6
♥ Q J 3
♦ A K Q 8
♣ A Q

The bidding:

South West North East
2 ♠ Dbl Rdbl Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Three of ♠

Bidding at contract bridge is designed primarily to locate an eight-card major-suit fit. While there are times when a 4-3 fit proves adequate for game, usually, if you don't have a major fit, you investigate the possibilities at no trump and, as a last resort, a minor suit contract. But once in a while you find a strange trump suit, like this one from a recent pair event.

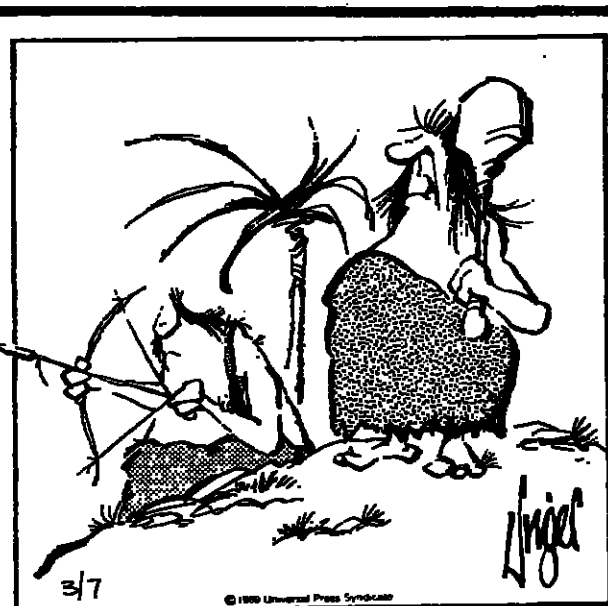
South's two-club opening bid

was artificial and strong, and West's double, especially at this vulnerability, was naive—it was highly unlikely that his side had a profitable minor-suit sacrifice with his broken suit. By partnership agreement, North's redouble showed a balanced hand with values, and South decided that he would take his chances at that contract!

There was little to the play. Declarer won the opening spade lead in hand, cashed two high diamonds and the ace of spades, then tried a third round of diamonds. West ruffed and exited with a low heart. Declarer ducked that round to his jack, cashed the ace and tried a third spade. West ruffed and was forced to lead a trump into declarer's major tenace, so South ended up with eight tricks and a duplicate score of 760. (In tournament competition, the redoubled insult bonus is now worth 100 points.)

That turned out to be an absolute top. Left to their own devices, all the North-South pairs ended in a spade contract, making 11 tricks. Those that bid a slam were down one; the others scored 650.

Now we are not suggesting that you should embrace 2-2 trump fits, but occasionally...



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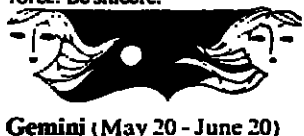
Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will feel like trying something new, but be careful: avoid anything too risky. You should try to ensure you do not offend anyone. Avoid eating too many sweet things. Be sensible.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will be able to do something you enjoy, but do remember you may be playing with fire. Your lucky numbers are 30 and 27. Make sure you are not late for an appointment. Do not try to do things by force. Be sincere.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be able to do something you enjoy doing, but your duties must also be fulfilled. Try a different route from normal and you will avoid traffic. Pay more attention to other people's feelings be loyal.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will be stimulated to do your best. Make sure you do not make any promises you would find it hard to keep. Try to rid yourself of some preconceptions. Be fair.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

There will not be time to do all you would like to do if you spend too long on any one thing. You should not expect others to do for you what you know you should do for yourself. Do not dwell too much on the past — you cannot change it.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

Instead of regretting what you have not been able to do think of all the things you were able to do. You should beware of listening only to yourself not to others. Take good care of your appearance and personal hygiene. Be reasonable.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will be able to have an interesting and rewarding day. You should try to think more positively and constructively. Face up to facts rather than trying to avoid what really is. Be truthful.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You should not sit back and let things happen. And try to keep abreast of the current situation instead of getting into an invariable routine. Have a good laugh at yourself. Be less untidy.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Remember that time spent tidying up is not time wasted. You should make sure that your partner has no cause to feel neglected. Avoid judging by appearances and do not try to bluff your way out of a situation. Be receptive.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Your social life will be more hectic but do not allow it to become predominant. A good and frank talk will clear up a misunderstanding. You should avoid battling against the inevitable, but do not give up too soon. Be reliable.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You would be wrong to expect others always to do what you would like them to do. No point in taking too much for granted right now. Try to think a little more positively and constructively. Be sympathetic.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You should beware of jumping to conclusions. Try to enjoy the present, do not live in the past and look forward to the future. Better to count your blessings than to bemoan what you have not got. Be amenable.

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Aldridge penalty keeps Liverpool on course for League title

LONDON, May 12, (AP): John Aldridge converted a penalty shot with nine minutes remaining on Wednesday night to keep Liverpool's title hopes alive with a 1-0 victory over Nottingham Forest in the English Soccer League.

Aldridge, who scored twice in Liverpool's victory over Nottingham Forest in Sunday's replayed Football Association Cup semifinal, hit a low shot that Forest goalie Steve Sutton touched but could not stop.

In other Division One games on Wednesday night, Charlton escaped

relegation to the Second Division by defeating Derby 3-0 and Manchester United continued its late-season slide by losing 2-1 at home to Everton.

Liverpool now trails League-leading Arsenal by five points and has one game in hand on the Gunners. If both teams continue to win, the title will be decided May 26 when they meet at Liverpool in the season finale.

The Reds, who did not play for two weeks following the death of 95 of their fans at the FA Cup semifinal on April 15 in the Sheffield stadium crush, face a backlog of games, starting with Wed-

nesday night's contest, they must play six times in 17 days.

Arsenal, which has led the League since late December, has 72 points with three games remaining to become the only English club ever to win the "double" — the League and the FA Cup in the same season — for a second time, has 67 points and four matches left.

Wednesday night's victory did not come easily, as Sutton turned back a couple of good opportunities in the first half and Liverpool became sloppy as it

pressed for a goal in the second half.

In the 81st minute, Franz Carr tripped Liverpool fullback Dave Burrows in the penalty area and Aldridge converted the penalty for the victory in Liverpool's first home game since the Sheffield tragedy.

In other games, Andy Jones, Peter Shirliff and Paul Williams scored to lead Charlton. Jones, starting his first League game for Charlton in 14 months, opened the scoring late in the first half.

Manchester United lost its third home League game in succession as

Everton achieved its first road League victory in nearly six months.

Graeme Sharp opened the scoring in the 10th minute for Everton, which faces neighbour Liverpool in the FA Cup final on May 20, and also scored the winner in the 61st minute. Mark Hughes had tied the game in the 33rd minute for Manchester United.

Standings

English League First Division soccer table after Wednesday's matches (tabular under — played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points).

Arsenal 35 21 9 5 68 32 72

Liverpool 34 19 10 5 56 24 67

Norwich	34	17	10	7	46	43	61
Nottingham Forest	35	16	12	7	37	39	60
Tottenham	37	15	12	10	60	45	57
Derby	36	16	7	13	38	36	35
Coventry	36	14	11	11	44	39	53
Millwall	37	14	10	13	46	51	52
QPR	36	13	11	12	42	35	50
Wimbledon	36	14	8	14	47	42	50
Manchester U	37	12	12	13	42	35	48
Everton	36	12	12	12	46	44	48
Southampton	37	10	14	13	51	65	44
Charlton	37	10	12	15	44	54	42
Aston Villa	37	9	12	16	44	55	39
Middlesbrough	37	9	12	16	44	60	39
Luton	37	9	11	17	41	52	38
Sheffield Wed	36	9	11	16	31	49	38
West Ham	35	9	8	18	33	53	35
Newcastle	37	7	10	20	32	61	31

Hansen set to play 400th game for Liverpool

LONDON, May 12, (Reuters): Captain Alan Hansen is poised to make his 400th appearance for Liverpool tomorrow when the English League champions bid to maintain their challenge for the title against Wimbledon.

Scottish international defender Hansen, injured for a long spell this season, has been a major influence on Liverpool's revival and late challenge to leaders Arsenal.

His experience could be invaluable against Wimbledon, who beat Liverpool in last season's Football Association (FA) Cup final and keep alive their hopes of overhauling Arsenal. Liverpool are five points behind the London club, but have one match in hand and meet Arsenal at home on May 26 in what promises to be a championship showdown.

Arsenal, who will be seeking their fourth successive win when they play Derby at home on Saturday, have 72 points from 35 matches, Liverpool have 67 from 34.

Third-placed Norwich travel to Luton, who are desperate to win to avoid relegation, but intend to show no mercy.

Luton will have the advantage of their synthetic surface, and Norwich, championship contenders for most of the season and beaten FA Cup finalists, have no prizes left to play for.

But Norwich winger Dale Gordon has promised they will be going flat out in an attempt to finish their successful season with a flourish.

"We have still got third place to play for — and that would mean a lot because the highest the club has finished before was fifth," Gordon said.

"On top of that our record on Luton's pitch has been good over the last two or three seasons. Personally, I've never found plastic pitches a problem. We've got the sort of side that like to knock it about, so it should suit us really."

Like Luton, Aston Villa, Middlesbrough, Sheffield Wednesday and West Ham must also win to keep their hopes of beating relegation alive.

Villa take on Coventry at home, West Ham, after four successive wins, travel to Everton, and Wednesday meet Middlesbrough at Hillsborough. A defeat for Middlesbrough would almost certainly condemn them to the Second Division.

Gullit hopes to play on Sunday

MILAN, Italy, May 12, (Reuters): Dutch soccer star Rudi Gullit could play for European Cup finalists AC Milan on Sunday for the first time since a cartilage operation three weeks ago.

Club sources said trainer Arrigo Sacchi would decide by tomorrow whether to field Gullit, who had knee surgery on April 21 two days after AC Milan thrashed Real Madrid 5-0 to reach the Champions Cup final.

Barcelona win Cup

Salinas and Rekarte score

BERNE, May 12, (Reuters): An early strike by lanky forward Julio Salinas helped Barcelona to a record third European Cup Winners Cup trophy as they overcame Sampdoria of Italy 2-0 in Wednesday's final.

Salinas nodded in a close range header in only the fourth minute to give the Spaniards a lead they went on to defend resolutely in a scrappy and frenetic match.

With the Italians throwing everyone forward in the second half to try and break a solid Barcelona defence, substitute Lopez Rekarte took advantage of the inevitable gaps at the back to score the second goal 10 minutes from time.

Barcelona, who won the trophy in 1979 and 1982, became the first club to capture the Cup Winners Cup on three occasions.

If Barcelona reneged on trainer Johan Cruyff's promise to attack throughout, they can at least claim to have deserved their victory.

They created more and better chances than injury-hit Sampdoria, appearing in their first European final.

Sampdoria seemed confused by Barcelona's three-man strike force early on, the Spaniards' 3-4-3 formation not being one they encounter regularly in the Italian League.

The defence was all at sea in the fourth minute when English striker Gary Lineker's right-wing cross was nodded back across goal by Roberto Fernandez to give Salinas the simplest of chances.

Barcelona continued to have more of the play in the first half but Guillermo Amor and Aitor Beguiristain both wasted golden opportunities.

Sampdoria paid the penalty for including too many players recovering from injury. Defender Moreno Mannini, starting his first match since February, limped off after just 27 minutes and captain Luca Pellegrin hobbled to the dressing room only four minutes into the second half.

Star striker Gianluca Vialli, who said before the match he needed another month to fully recover from a thigh injury, was plainly short of pace and rarely a threat though he was still regularly scythed down by overzealous Barcelona defenders.

But Sampdoria deserve credit for their pluck. In the second period they threw caution to the wind, leaving just three men at the back as they tore into the Spanish defence time and again.

Roberto Mancini drew a good save from Barcelona keeper Andoni Zubizarreta in the 58th minute, but the Spaniards funnelled back into defence and, for all the pressure, Sampdoria found it hard to get any clear shots on goal.

Cruyff indicated he was happy with 1-0 when he sent on defender Lopez Rekarte for Beguiristain 15 minutes from time.

But it was the substitute who found himself alone just outside the Sampdoria penalty area as he ran on to a long pass. He advanced

a couple of steps before side-footing the ball past keeper Gianluca Pagliuca.

The large Spanish contingent in a 45,000 crowd at the Wankdorf stadium celebrated with fire-crackers, but there can be few complaints from soccer authorities on fan behaviour.

The noise from the good-natured supporters of both teams was deafening, but there was no sign of aggression or disturbances either before or during the game.

Barcelona, who won the old Fairs Cup three times, became only the third club after Real Madrid and Liverpool to win six major club trophies and only the second, after arch-rivals Real, to appear in 10 European finals.

Jubilant Barcelona fans went on a rampage early yesterday, marring the city-wide celebration of their club's victory.

Police and news reports said about 30,000 fans took to the streets in a largely good-natured celebration that was the biggest soccer victory party in the north-eastern city since Barcelona won the Spanish First Division League championship in the 1982-1983 season.

But some youths turned violent, shattering store windows with rocks, setting fire to garbage cans, tossing molotov cocktails at a police station and clashing with police for more than two hours, officials said.

Six police and four fans were injured in the melee and police arrested 23 youths, many of them drunk, officials said.



Lineker (left) holds up the Cup while Fernandez Roberto shows his joy at winning the trophy. (Reuters wirephoto)

Zoeller takes first round Memorial lead

DUBLIN, Ohio, May 12, (Reuters): Fuzzy Zoeller rebounded from a double bogey on the 14th hole to take a one stroke first round lead at the \$1,004,290 Memorial Golf Tournament yesterday.

Zoeller followed his disastrous 14th hole with birdies on the par-five 15th and the difficult 18th for a three-under-par 69 and sole possession of first place.

On the 18th hole, Zoeller's eight-iron approach shot stopped four inches from the cup setting up the tap-in that provided his one stroke margin over Payne Stewart and Fred Couples, who were tied for second at 70.

A group of nine players were tied for fourth place at one-under-par 71.

Zoeller had four birdies and a bogey going into the tricky 14th hole and stood at three-under. On his second shot, however, Zoeller used a pitching wedge that dropped the ball into a creek fronting the green.

"There was water written all over that shot," Zoeller said. "There wasn't any doubt about it. Other than that one shot, I played well. I made the small money putts, the four footers, when I needed them."

Jack Nicklaus, the host of this event, was with a large group at even-par 72 after taking bogeys on the 16th and 17th holes.

"I gave away a couple of shots," Nicklaus said. "But other than those two holes, I played well. I've been playing reasonably well this year, I just haven't been able to finish decently."

Wright and Steven recalled. Robson names 27-strong squad

LONDON, May 12, (Reuters): Manager Bobby Robson guarded against all possibilities today when he named a 27-strong squad of players for England's World Cup qualifying match against Poland and warm-up matches against Chile, Scotland and Denmark.

Robson's planning for the European qualifying Group Two clash with Poland on June 3, the Rous Cup meetings with Chile and Scotland and friendly in Denmark has been upset by a congested domestic fixture list following the Hillsborough disaster on April 15.

Champions Liverpool have several fixtures to complete and, as a result, their players — and those of League leaders and their rivals Arsenal — are available only for the matches against Poland and Denmark.

To compensate for their absence, Robson has recalled central defender Mark Wright and midfielder Trevor Steven, both discarded after England's failure at last year's European Championship finals, midfielder Michael Phelan and strikers Mick Harford and Tony Cottee.

These five have been added to the 22 who made up the squad for last month's 5-0 win over Albania, but are expected to be replaced when the six selected Liverpool and Arsenal players become available after the Rous Cup ties — defender Tony Adams, midfielders Steve McMahon and David Rocastle and forwards Alan Smith, John Barnes and Peter Beardsley.

England play Chile in London on May 23 and Scotland in Glasgow on May 27 in the annual triangular Rous Cup tournament.

Squad:

Goalkeepers — Peter Shilton, David Seaman, Chris Woods.

Defenders — Gary Stevens, Tony Adams, Terry Butcher, Des Walker, Paul Parker, Stuart Pearce, Tony Doris, Mark Wright.

Midfielders — Steve McMahon, David Rocastle, Michael Phelan, Trevor Steven, Neil Webb, Bryan Robson, Steve Hodge, Paul Gascoigne.

Forwards — Gary Lineker, Nigel Clough, Chris Waddle, Alan Smith, John Barnes, Peter Beardsley, Mick Harford, Tony Cottee.

Conti gets six-match suspension

MILAN, Italy, May 12, (Reuters): Former Italian international winger Bruno Conti received a six-match suspension on Wednesday for threatening the referee during an Italian League match last Sunday.

The player's suspension was one of the toughest in Italy this season, according to a spokesman for the League's disciplinary tribunal in Milan.

Conti, who played in Italy's 1982 World Cup final victory against West Germany, had to be held back by a team-mate when he was sent off for contesting referee Tullio Lanese's refusal to award Roma a penalty in their 1-1 draw against Ascoli.

Fans in Rome's Olympic stadium hurled stones, coins and bottles at the referee and linesmen after Conti's 87th minute expulsion. Roma were fined 20 million lire (\$14,000) for the supporters' violence.

A tribunal statement said Conti had been suspended for continued protests and repeated threats.

"He approached the referee after being notified of his expulsion, making seriously threatening statements, to the extent that he had to be forcibly restrained," it said.

Romania seek first victory over England

BUCHAREST, May 12, (Reuters): A revitalised Romanian side, conquerors of Wales late last year, seek their first win over England in tomorrow's rugby union international here.

Since their humiliating 60-0 loss to Ireland in 1986 and a disappointing World Cup in the following year, Romania have assembled a team capable of beating anybody in Europe.

Last year they lost only 16-12 to eventual Five Nations champions France before winning their first game on British soil by beating Wales 15-9 at Cardiff Arms Park.

In both cases Romania based their strategy on their uncompromising forward pack and the boot of flyhalf Gein Ignat. Ignat scored 11 points against Wales and consistently drove the Welsh back into their own territory with gigantic touch kicks.

England flyhalf Rob Andrew, captaining his country for the first time, has told his team they must treat the match seriously.



Michel Platini

French coach to face trial on fraud charges

PARIS, May 12, (Reuters): French national soccer coach Michel Platini is to face trial on fraud charges linked to a case involving his former club Saint Etienne, his lawyers said on Wednesday.

"This autumn, the man who was behind the rebirth of French soccer will appear before a court in Lyon," lawyer Andre Soulier told reporters.

An appeals court on Tuesday rejected a move by Platini and two other footballers, Patrick Battiston and Bernard Lacombe, to quash charges laid against them by a lower court.

Battiston now plays for French champions Monaco. Platini and Lacombe were star members of the French team that won the European championship in 1984.

Named European Footballer of the Year three times, Platini was captain of the French squad which twice reached the semifinals of the World Cup.

A total of 11 Saint Etienne players are named in the case and risk up to five years in prison or fines calculated according to their income.

The 11 players and nine former officials of the football club were in 1987 accused of receiving underhand payments totalling up to 22 million francs (\$3.4 million) between 1978 and 1982 and of not declaring the income in their tax returns.

The key question is whether the players knew that the funds from which these payments were made were illegal.

The lower court that laid the charges said: "There were indications that the players knew the fraudulent origins of the funds and this is what a trial must now rule on to establish whether such knowledge was sufficient to establish their guilt."

Platini denies wrongdoing.

IOC and IAAF clash

LONDON, May 12, (AP): Drugs and integrity are at the heart of a dispute between two of the most powerful forces in the sporting world, the International Olympic Committee and the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

The war of words between the two organisations intensified yesterday as the IAAF defended its integrity and its drug-testing procedures in the wake of accusations by an Olympic official.

The IAAF charged that IOC vice-president Richard Pound had made "untrue and uninformed statements" in testimony Monday before a Canadian government inquiry probing athlete drug use.

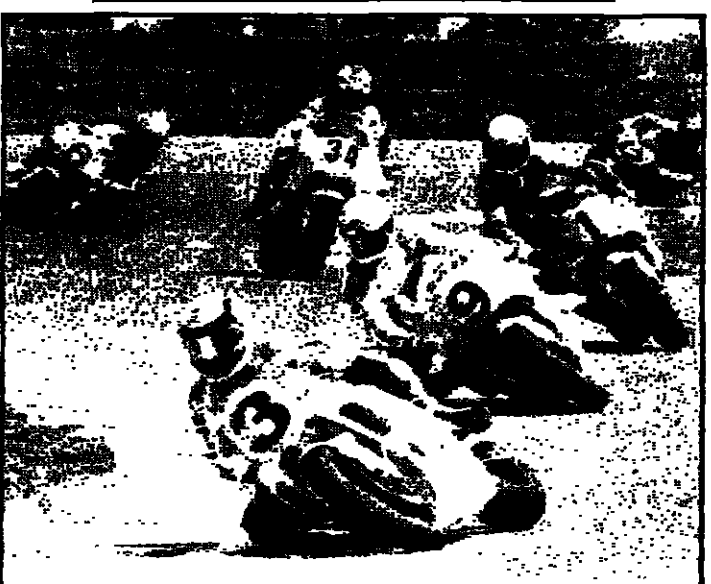
Pound had questioned the IAAF's commitment to drug testing during his testimony. The inquiry was triggered by the disqualification of sprinter Ben Johnson at the 1988 Olympics for steroid use.

Pound accused the IAAF, the world governing body for track and field, of suppressing positive drug tests at the 1983 track and field World Championships in Helsinki, Finland, and of either suppressing results or deliberately avoiding drug tests at the 1987 World Championships in Rome.

Pound, a Montreal lawyer who pleaded Johnson's case at the Seoul Olympics, also claimed the IAAF was "in serious danger of becoming a laughing stock" because of lack of positive drug test results in Helsinki.

Lawson seeks 2nd straight victory

Spencer making comeback



Lawson (No. 1) and Rainey (No. 3) in action during the Spanish GP.

MISANO ADRIATICO, Italy, May 12, (Reuters): World 500 cc motorcycle champion Eddie Lawson will be out to maintain his command of Italian asphalt when he chases his second successive win this season in Sunday's Italian Grand Prix.

The American, who has switched to Honda from Yamaha, marked his return to full form from a wrist injury with his first win for his new team in the Spanish Grand Prix at Jerez de la Frontera on April 30.

A victory at Misano Adriatico, on Italy's east coast, would at least edge him closer to the pretender to his crown, compatriot and Yamaha rival Wayne Rainey, who leads him by 10 points after four races this season in the world championship.

If past performance is any guide, Lawson must start as favourite. He won at Misano in 1985 and 1986 and was second in 1987, on all three occasions in the San Marino Grand Prix.

He also defends his victory at last year's Italian Grand Prix at

Imola, where Rainey was pushed into third place by Australian Wayne Gardner, now out of the

running after breaking his leg in last month's accident-marred US Grand Prix.

SPORTS

Ewing helps Knicks brush aside Bulls

NEW YORK, May 12. (AP) Patrick Ewing scored 23 points and the New York Knicks held Michael Jordan to a season-low 15 points last night in a 114-97 rout of the Chicago Bulls that ended their NBA playoff series at a game apiece.

In the only other NBA playoff game yesterday, Phoenix defeated Golden State 113-104. Jordan, averaging 38.8 in his first six playoff games, including 34 in the Bulls' series-opening victory, was 7-for-17 from the field and missed three of four free throws. His low scoring total during the regular season was 18 points on three occasions.

The third and fourth games of the best-of-7 series will be held tomorrow and Sunday afternoons in Chicago.

Mark Jackson added 20 points and 16 assists for New York, while Kiki Vandeweghe added 18 points. Reserve guard John Paxson led the Bulls with 16.

The Bulls, trailing 50-41 at halftime, closed the gap to 51-48 on a three-point play by Jordan with 9:55 left in the third period.

But Jordan was called for two fouls in the first three minutes of the half and sat out the rest of the third quarter with four fouls.

After Jordan left the game, Scottie Pippen's basket for Chicago made it 55-50 before the Knicks scored the next nine points for a 64-50 advantage, their largest margin of the game to that point. The closest Chicago got after that was seven points.

In the Phoenix-Golden State game, Tom Chambers scored 31 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter, as Phoenix rallied after blowing a 17-point lead to down Golden State 113-104 and take a 2-1 lead in their best-of-7 playoff series.

Kevin Johnson had 20 points and 15 assists, and Mark West, who averaged 7.2 points in the regular season, scored 18 as the Suns won their eighth straight road game.

Tyrone Corbin grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds before leaving with a left shoulder injury midway through the second half. Chambers also had 14 rebounds.

With Phoenix nursing a three-point lead entering the fourth quarter, Chambers sank a left-handed hook from the lane. After Chris Mullin hit a jumper to make it 87-82, Chambers scored twice in a seven-point streak and added the Suns' next three baskets as the lead climbed to 102-90.

The Warriors cut the lead to 109-104 on Winston Garland's jumper with 2:20 left, but Garland and Manute Bol missed 3-point shots and Eddie Johnson scored on a layup as the Suns wrapped it up.

Mullin led Golden State with 32 points, but he didn't get enough help. Terry Teagle scored 15 and Mitch Richmond and Rod Higgins each had 13.

Mansell forced out of testing

IMOLA, Italy, May 12. (Reuters) Briton Nigel Mansell drove only six laps of a test session with Ferrari at Imola yesterday before he was forced to pull into the pits for the day with engine problems.

Ferrari were tight-lipped about what went wrong with the John Barnard-designed car but sources close to the team said it was the alternator belt which has proved troublesome for Ferrari.

Officials rejected plan to catch Johnson in 1985

TORONTO, May 12. (Reuters) The head of the Canadian Track and Field Association (CTFA) rejected a plan to catch Ben Johnson using banned anabolic steroids in 1985, a former athletes' representative testified yesterday.

Glenn Bogue, the athlete services manager at the CTFA between 1983-86, told the Canadian inquiry into drug use in sport that sprinter Desai Williams informed him of heavy steroid use by Johnson and his teammates at the York University Training Centre in the summer of 1985.

"Desai was anxious... and he talked about steroid use at York," Bogue said. "He said it had got to the point where it was ridiculous. I asked him if Ben was on steroids, he said yes."

Bogue said Williams also mentioned 400-metre runner Cheryl Thibodeau who he said "was just a joke at York. She was growing a moustache."

Thibodeau has already detailed her steroid use in earlier testimony before the inquiry called after Johnson tested positive for an anabolic steroid in Seoul last September and was stripped of his Olympic 100 metres gold medal.

Bogue said the pair came up with a plan whereby Williams would tell him when Johnson would be on the banned substances and would surely fail a drug test.

"It was the best evidence short of testing positive at a major competition we were going to have," Bogue testified.

He said Williams agreed to tell him when the "next shipment" of muscle-building substances would arrive so Bogue could fly from Ottawa with a doping team and conduct surprise tests of Johnson and other York athletes. Bogue said he agreed to keep Williams' name confidential.

But when Bogue took the allegations to the CTFA chief executive Wilfred Wedmann, he said his plan was rebuffed even though he stressed the informant was a world-class athlete training under Charlie Francis.

"Will's attitude was: 'Prove it. Get the informant to come forward and sign an affidavit.'"

Wedmann appeared confident, Bogue said, that the CTFA policy of testing for banned substances at competitions was good enough, and there was no need for surprise testing.

Bogue said he argued that testing only at competitions or with advanced notice was "like telling a drug dealer, 'we'll be over on Sunday to check your place out.'"

Australians thrash MCC

Boon and Marsh set first-wicket record

LONDON, May 12. (Reuters) Australian openers David Boon and Geoff Marsh wrote themselves a place in cricket history yesterday with a magnificent opening stand of 277 at Lord's.

It was the highest first wicket partnership in the 26-year history of the one-day game in England and set up an emphatic 101-run victory over MCC.

Boon struck 166 from 165 deliveries while the more restrained though equally effective Marsh hit 102 off 141 balls.

The only bright spots for watching England manager Micky Stewart were the performances of Mike Gatting and opening candidate Gehan Mendis, who made 86 and 52 respectively.

They scored 98 for the second wicket before a collapse saw MCC dismissed for 208.

But the real damage had already been done. By the time Chris Cowdrey parted Man of the Match Boon and Marsh in the 50th of the 55 overs, MCC's shell-shocked bowlers were almost begging for mercy.

Tasmanian Boon hit three sixes and 19 fours. He needed only 69 balls to move from 50 to 150 and was unrecognisable from the player who struggled in England four years ago and at home against Mike Gatting's side during the 1986-87 tour.

Boon, who scored an unbeaten 114 in his only other tour innings to date against the Duchess of Norfolk's XI, finally holed out at



Boon: hammers three sixes and 19 fours

long-off.

It left the stage clear for Marsh to reach his second century of the trip. The Australian vice-captain eventually became Cowdrey's second victim after stroking 13 fours.

By then the visitors had passed 300 for the third time in four matches and their total of 309 for four was well beyond MCC.

The previous best mark by an opening pair in England was the 241 scored by Somerset's Sumil Gavaskar and Brian Rose against Kent in a 1980 Benson

and Hedges Cup game.

Boon and Marsh already hold the record for the best first wicket score in one-day internationals — 212 against India in 1986-87.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA	
D. Boon c Fraser b Cowdrey	166
G. Marsh c Ellison b Cowdrey	102
T. Moody c Marks b Cowdrey	14
M. Hughes c Carr b Cowdrey	8
A. Border not out	7
M. Veletta not out	1
Extras (b-1 lb-9 w-7 nb-2)	19
Total (for four wickets)	309
Fall of wickets: 1-277, 2-295, 3-307, 4-307	
Bowling: Ellison 11-1-51-0, Fraser 11-1-53-0, Watkinson 11-2-46-0, Cowdrey 11-0-60-4, Marks 8-0-63-0, Carr 3-0-15-0	
Did not bat: S. Waugh, I. Healy, G. Lawson, G. Campbell, T. Alderman	
MCC	
G. Mendis c Veletta b Campbell	52
J. Carr lbw b Alderman	23
M. Gatting c sub b Hughes	86
N. Fairbrother b Campbell	0
M. Ramprakash lbw b Waugh	1
C. Cowdrey c Healy b Hughes	5
M. Watkinson b Waugh	5
P. Downton b Lawson	15
V. Marks b Waugh	0
R. Ellison not out	2
A. Fraser c Hughes b Lawson	0
Extras (b-2 lb-6 w-5 nb-6)	19
Total	208
Fall of wickets: 1-43, 2-141, 3-141, 4-145, 5-180, 6-180, 7-192, 8-192, 9-202	
Bowling: Alderman 8-0-41-1, Hughes 11-1-37-2, Campbell 11-0-47-2, Lawson 7-5-37-2, Waugh 11-1-36-3	
Result: Australia beat MCC by 101 runs	
Next match: Australia v Worcestershire, May 13-15 at Worcester	

Graham loses on split decision

McCallum takes WBA title

LONDON, May 12. (Reuters) Jamaican Mike McCallum won a second world title on Wednesday when he beat Britain's Herol Graham on a split decision to take the vacant World Boxing Association (WBA) middleweight title.

McCallum, the former WBA light-middleweight champion, recovered from a knockdown in the fifth round to hurt Graham with a series of solid punches.

A right to the mouth and a clubbing left to the side of the head in the ninth had Graham's legs wobbling but the Briton clung on desperately.

Graham drew on all his resources in an attempt to tip the fight in his favour in the last two rounds, but though he threw more punches they had lost much of their power.

Graham raised his hands in triumph at the end of the 12-round bout but ring experts felt he was fortunate to win the backing of one of the judges.

Venezuelan fighter Jesus Justo Vasquez made it 117-115 and Contintanza Amadeo of Italy 115-114 in favour of the Jamaican.

The fight was always close and Graham could have lost it on a point deducted in the eighth round by Venezuelan referee Enzo Montero for badly swinging McCallum into the corner post.

He had been repeatedly warned for wrestling tactics.

Graham's manager Barney Eastwood said afterwards: "I warned Herol in the gym not to wrestle. It is a habit he has in sparring."

"I knew the referee was tough and might let him get away with it a couple of times, but if he persisted I was certain Herol was going to get punished and so it proved."

McCallum, who had to take a standing count of eight after being caught off balance with a right to the face in the fifth round, acknowledged Graham's courage afterwards.

"I hit him hard but he kept coming back. He's a hell of a fighter," McCallum said.

The pair were fighting to become the fourth world champion in the fragmented middleweight division with three rival organisations already having their own.

McCallum's way to the crown was opened up via the WBA stripping former holder Sumbu Kalam-bay of the title because he preferred to fight Michael Nunn for the International Boxing Federation (IBF) version.

McCallum's victory means he now has 36 wins, 31 of them inside the distance and one defeat while Graham has lost twice against 41 successes.

Canadiens defeat Flyers for Cup final

PHILADELPHIA, May 12. (Reuters) The Montreal Canadiens defeated the Philadelphia Flyers 4-2 last night to earn their 31st trip to the National Hockey League Stanley Cup championship series where they will face the Calgary Flames in an all-Canadian final.

The victory gave the 23-time NHL champions Canadiens a 4-2 victory in the best-of-seven Wales Conference finals against Philadelphia.

The championship series between the two teams with the best regular season records in the League will be a rematch of the 1986 finals won by Montreal in five games.

On Wednesday the Flames defeated the Chicago Black Hawks 3-1 to win the best-of-seven Campbell Conference final series four games to one.

The Canadiens penalty killing units were superb as they stopped the Flyers from scoring all five times they had a man advantage.

"We prided ourselves on defence and special teams all year. Our penalty killing was the difference tonight," said Bobby Smith, who had a goal and an assist for Montreal.

Philadelphia took a 1-0 lead at 12:49 of the first period when Scott Melnyk beat Montreal goaltender Patrick Roy, who stopped 15 of 17 shots on goal.

Montreal on a power-play countered three minutes later when Smith picked up a rebound of a Mats Naslund shot and deflected the puck into the net off team-mate Mike Keane, who was credited with the goal.

At 7:44 of the second period Smith put the Canadiens ahead when he directed a 50-foot (15-metre) shot by Chris Chelios through the legs of Philadelphia goaltender Ron Hextall.

Johnson suffers injuries

TORONTO, May 12. (Reuters) Disgraced Olympic sprinter Ben Johnson suffered a broken tooth early yesterday when he was punched during an argument in a street with five men, police reported.

Johnson had just left a nightclub in an exclusive area of Toronto and was driving his mother's car when he slowed to allow a group of people to cross the street, police said.

One man banged on Johnson's car as he passed it and the sprinter got out of the car to challenge him. One man punched him in the face and another jumped onto the bonnet of the car and kicked in the windscreen, police added.

Johnson was treated in a hospital for a broken tooth and swollen lip and released.

John Cesar, 24, was charged with causing mischief. Police said they were still looking for the man who attacked Johnson.

Desai Williams, a teammate on Canada's Olympic track team, and a female friend were in the car but were not involved in the argument, police said.

Johnson was stripped of a gold medal in the 100 metres sprint at last year's Seoul Olympics after testing positive for banned anabolic steroids. The scandal sparked a federal inquiry into drugs in sport that is still hearing testimony.

Dilley to miss one-day internationals

LONDON, May 12. (Reuters) Worcestershire fast bowler Graham Dilley will miss England's three limited-over cricket internationals against Australia after an operation on his right knee on Wednesday.

Dilley has been advised to

rest for two to three weeks, a period that covers the one-day games on May 25, 27 and 29.

Worcestershire said in a statement yesterday: "The arthroscopic investigation on Graham Dilley's knee yesterday evening indicated a small

tear in the cartilage and a small piece of cartilage was removed."

Dilley, who had surgery on the same knee last September, reported stiffness and swelling after taking 20 wickets in three county championship matches this season.

Worcester crash out of Cup

Hick hammers another ton

LONDON, May 12. (Reuters) Graeme Hick added another magnificent century to his lengthening list of cricketing achievements yesterday but he failed to stop Worcestershire crashing out of the Benson and Hedges Cup.

Hick hit three sixes and eight fours in 109 off 123 deliveries and the county champions managed to set Combined Universities a 217 target.

Student Adrian Bale took three for 18 including the wicket of England all-rounder Ian Botham, his third duck in four innings.

Five batting by Steve James, who made 65, and Nasser Hussain, 67, set up the Combined Universities five wickets triumph with 11 balls to spare.

Essex, the county that likes to win four-day championship cricket in double-quick time, sprinted to a 10 wickets success over Glamorgan.

The Welsh county were routed for 98 in only 44.3 of the allotted 55 overs. Neil Foster had the remarkable figures of 10.3-6-5-3 while seam partner Derek Pringle took three for 22.

Opener Graham Gooch, an England player like Foster and Pringle, led Essex to a home quarterfinal tie with 69 not out.

England bowling prospect David Lawrence found the lift and pace to guide Gloucestershire home by 144 run against Surrey.

He removed the opening pair cheaply and also put Paul Atkins out of the match. The ball struck Atkins on the side of the head and he had to retire with concussion for the second time in successive innings.

Andy Stovold contributed 90 to Gloucestershire's solid 286 for seven.

Holders Hampshire, beaten by Essex and Glamorgan, revived their fortunes by beating Sussex by 65 runs. An undefeated 96



Foster: three for five

from Robin Smith lifted them to 242 for five.

Warwickshire enjoyed their first success of the season when they defeated Scotland by six wickets and Derbyshire crushed Minor Counties by seven wickets. Kim Barnett striking 75.

Glamorgan by 10 wickets. Glamorgan 98 in 44.3 overs (N. Foster three for five, D. Pringle three for 22). Essex 9 for no wicket (G. Gooch 69 not out). Essex two points.

At the Oval: Gloucestershire beat Surrey by 144 runs. Gloucestershire 286 for seven innings closed (A. Stovold 90, P. Romaines 76, A. Wright 48). Surrey 142 in 37 overs. Gloucestershire two points.

At Derby: Derbyshire beat Minor Counties by seven wickets. Minor Counties 149 in 44.4 overs (M. Holding three for 17, A. Warner three for 30). Derbyshire 150 for three in 34 overs (K. Barnett 75, B. Maher 42 not out). Derbyshire two points.

At Hove: Hampshire beat Sussex by 65 runs. Hampshire 242 for five innings closed (R. Smith 96 not out, R. Scott 69). Sussex 177 in 47.5 overs (P. Parker 57, C. Connor four for 19, K. James three for 34). Hampshire two points.

At Worcester: Combined Universities beat Worcestershire by five wickets. Worcestershire 216 for eight innings closed (G. Hick 109, A. Dale three for 35). Combined Universities 217 for five off 53.1 overs (N. Hussain 67, S. James 65, N. Radford four for 38). Combined Universities two points.

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire 144 in 52.1 overs (C. Broad 53, S. Oldham four for 13, P. Jarvis three for 21). Yorkshire 73 for four off 38.5 overs. Yorkshire need 72 in 16.1 overs to win.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire 204 for six innings closed (A. Lamb 87 not out) v Leicestershire.

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire beat Scotland by six wickets. Scotland 158 for six innings closed (R. Swan 40, G. Small three for 15). Warwickshire 159 for four in 36.4 overs (D. Thorne 57 not out). Warwickshire two points.

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Lendl routs Svensson

Steeb defeats Connors

HAMBURG, West Germany, May 12, (Reuters): World number one Ivan Lendl moved closer to his appointment with number two seed Boris Becker in the West German Open final with a comfortable win over Sweden's Jonas Svensson today.

The 29-year-old Czechoslovak swept aside number 10 seed Svensson 6-2 6-2 in just 78 minutes to reach the semifinals of the \$692,500 Grand Prix event.

World number two Becker booked his place in the last four without hitting a ball after his Italian opponent Paolo Cane dropped out with a thigh strain.

Serve-and-volley specialist Becker, who is working very hard at his game on the slower clay courts, meets Austrian Horst Skoff today while Lendl will play West German Carl-Uwe Steeb, who knocked out American Jimmy Connors 6-4 6-1.

Lendl, who is using the Hamburg event for clay-court practice ahead of his bid for a fourth French Open title this month, has had only one stern test so far — against Soviet Andrei Cherkasov in the first round.

But he is hoping life is going to get harder soon. "What can you do? I dare say I will get some tougher matches soon here," he said.

Lendl, playing his first event on European clay this year, seemed to have an answer for everything. Svensson tried, playing some delightful cross-court strokes and telling lobs which left the Swede stranded.

"He is just too solid all round and he doesn't make mistakes," Svensson said afterwards. "For me to have a chance of winning today, I would have had to be at 100 per cent and he would have to have a bad day."

Cane pulled out at the last minute after failing a fitness test on a hamstring he strained during his third-round win over compatriot Diego Nargiso yesterday.

He said the injury would stop him playing in next week's Italian Open.

Skoff, seeded 14th, had very few problems disposing of former West German Davis Cup player Michael Westphal 6-1 6-3.

Sabatini holds on to reach quarterfinals

ROME, May 12, (Reuters): Defending champion Gabriela Sabatini laboured through to the quarterfinals of the Italian Open tennis championships yesterday and found life there even lonelier than expected.

The second, third and fifth seeds — Manuela Maleeva, Helen Kelesi and Hana Mandlikova — all dropped out in the third round, either through defeat or injury, leaving Argentine Sabatini with little challenge to her title.

Lack of concentration dogged Sabatini again. When she could have wrapped up her match in one hour she allowed her Italian opponent Laura Lapi to fight back from 4-1 down in the second set and win a tiebreak to force a third set.

The world number three eventually won 6-3 6-7 6-3 in two hours and 41 minutes.

Bulgarian Maleeva altered the tactics which gave her a one-set lead to go out to Frenchwoman Nathalie Tauziat, seeded 10th, 2-6 3-6.

Canada's Kelesi, beaten finalist last year, lost her temper and the match 6-3 2-6 6-3 to Sabatini's compatriot Bettina Fulco, the 10th seed.

Czechoslovak-born Australian Mandlikova hurt her back as she warmed up for her match against unseeded Yugoslav Sabrina Goles and though she won the first set 6-1 she pulled out at 5-2 down in the second.

The \$300,000 tournament was already feeling the absence of world number one Steffi Graf and top Americans Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert, and Sabatini several times looked vulnerable herself on a chilly evening on the centre court.

Sabatini, who squandered two chances to wrap up the third set at 5-2, said she had not expected such a difficult match from Lapi whose impressive backhand helped her to break the top seed twice in the second set.

"She really played well — she didn't miss many balls and she was running well," she said. "Maybe I played her game too much. I should have tried to go to the net more."

Sabatini said tiredness might make her think twice about playing Wimbledon this year.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Davis Cup

BUENOS AIRES, May 12, (Reuters): Argentina expects its clay court-bred players to hold their own against Britain when they clash in a world group-qualifying Davis Cup tie in July, the Argentine Tennis Association president said yesterday.

Golden Opinion

PARIS, May 12, (Reuters): Golden Opinion, with only one outing to her name, starts likely favourite to give top owner Sheikh Mohammed of Dubai a sweep of the English and French 1,000 Guineas in Sunday's Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at Longchamp.

Fraud suspected

ROME, May 12, (Reuters): Italian public prosecutors have begun a preliminary investigation into suspected fraud over modernisation work at Rome's Olympic stadium for the 1990 World Cup soccer finals, judicial officials said today.

Belgian Open

BRUSSELS, May 12, (Reuters): Fighting finishes earned Australian Peter McWhinney and Britain's Gordon J. Brand a share of the lead with five-under-par scores of 67 in the rain-hit opening round of the Belgian Open golf championship at Royal Waterloo yesterday.

America's Cup

NEW YORK, May 12, (AP): The America's Cup is being returned to the New York Yacht Club, according to a published report yesterday. The appellate division of the New York State Supreme Court has ordered the San Diego Yacht Club to give the trophy back to New York today, the New York Times said.

Pete Rose

NEW YORK, May 12, (Reuters): Baseball commissioner Bartlett Giamatti yesterday ordered Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose to appear at a hearing on May 25 following allegations the former superstar was involved in gambling.

Roberto Duran

MIAMI, May 12, (UPI): Middleweight boxing champion Roberto Duran agreed to settle his \$1.54 million bout with the Internal Revenue Service Wednesday, and a federal judge gave both parties about eight weeks to work out their differences.

Spanish Cup

VIGO, Spain, May 12, (Reuters): Celta beat Real Madrid 1-0 in a bad tempered Spanish Cup quarterfinal second leg yesterday in which one player was sent off and seven cautioned. Two Real players were cautioned as the visitors booked a semifinal clash against Atletico Madrid 4-2 on aggregate.

Rugby matches

DAKAR, May 12, (Reuters): Africa's top sports official has described as unethical the decision of Wales and Scotland to allow their players to take part in the South African Rugby board's centenary matches in August.

Byrne recalled

LONDON, May 12, (Reuters): Ireland manager Jack Charlton yesterday recalled striker John Byrne to his international soccer squad for the World Cup qualifying clash with Malta on May 28.

Charity match

ROME, May 12, (Reuters): Italian and Argentine footballers will meet in a charity soccer match on May 22 starring Diego Maradona, his two brothers and many of Italy's national side, organisers said yesterday.

Rob Witschge

AMSTERDAM, May 12, (Reuters): Winger Rob Witschge is set to leave Ajax Amsterdam for French First Division club Saint Etienne, a spokesman for the Dutch club said today.

Judo event

HELSINKI, May 12, (Reuters): The Soviet Union wiped away the memory of a poor judo performance at the Seoul Olympics with a consistent series of victories in the preliminaries of the European Judo Championships yesterday.

Becher's Brook

LONDON, May 12, (Reuters): Becher's Brook, the infamous Aintree fence which claimed the lives of two horses in this year's Grand National Steeplechase, is to be modified in an attempt to prevent further carnage.

Breeders' Cup

ELMONT, N.Y., March 12, (Reuters): The Breeders' Cup, one of the top events in horse racing, will be held at Belmont Park in 1990, the organisers announced on Wednesday.

Brazil triumph

FORTALEZA, Brazil, May 12, (Reuters): Brazil beat Peru 4-1 (half-time 2-0) in a friendly soccer international on Wednesday.

Cup player

MADRID, May 12, (Reuters): Real Madrid, seeking to boost its defence which came under heavy fire after their European Cup thrashing by AC Milan, have signed Argentine 1986 World Cup defender Oscar Alfredo Ruggeri, the club said yesterday.

W. German soccer

BONN, May 12, (Reuters): Plans to shake up the West German Soccer League to boost flagging attendances and make the game more entertaining have come under attack from top personalities and the public.

Cardinals edge Padres

Braves outclass Phillies

NEW YORK, May 30, (AP): Tom Glavine improved to 5-0 and Lonnie Smith hit a home run and scored three runs as the Atlanta Braves beat the Philadelphia Phillies 8-3 last night for their seventh straight victory.

In the National League's other game yesterday, St. Louis defeated San Diego 6-5.

The Braves' victory lifted them to .500 at 17-17, the latest date Atlanta has been at the .500 mark since June 19, 1987. The Braves' winning streak is their longest since May 15-22, 1986, when they also won seven in a row. Prior to the winning streak, the Braves had lost eight straight.

Glavine, 7-17 last year, allowed eight hits en route to his fourth complete game of the year. He had one complete game in 1988 in 34 starts. The left-hander also had two of Atlanta's 18 hits.

Smith, Ron Gant, Jeff Treadway and Andres Thomas paced the Braves' attack with three hits each.

Cardinals 6, Padres 5
Milt Thompson drove in three runs and St. Louis weathered both a shaky start and finish to defeat San Diego.

Jose DeLeon, 6-2, who gave up four San Diego singles and a walk before he retired a batter, worked seven-plus innings, giving up six hits, walking four and striking out three to become the National League's first six-game winner.

The Cardinals won their seventh straight at home as Eric Show, 4-4, took the loss. Dan Quisenberry, who came on in the eighth, got his first NL save and the 239th of his career.

San Diego almost pulled even in the eighth when Roberts tripled home Randy Ready and scored on Carmelo Martinez's double. Rob Nelson singled,

but right fielder Tom Brunansky threw Martinez out at home plate.

Rangers 6, Royals 3

Nolan Ryan, returning to the scene of his first no-hitter, pitched a five-hitter and struck out 11 and Pete Lucavilla drove in four runs, leading the Texas Rangers past the Kansas City Royals 6-3 last night.

In the American League's other game, Baltimore beat Oakland 6-2.

Ryan, who no-hit Kansas City on May 15, 1973, improved his lifetime record against the Royals to 21-10. It was the 185th time in his career and the 12th time against Kansas City in which he fanned at least 10.

Ryan, 4-2, walked two en route to his second complete game, while Mark Gubicza fell to 2-3 and lost his fourth consecutive decision to the Rangers in Royals stadium.

Ryan, who has pitched a record five no-hitters, leads the Major Leagues with 64 strikeouts. He retired the final 13 batters.

Orioles 6, Athletics 2

Craig Worthington doubled home two runs, snapping a 1-1 tie, and Jeff Ballard outduelled Dave Stewart as Baltimore defeated Oakland.

Mickey Tettleton drove in three runs with a solo home run and a two-run single as the Orioles snapped a five-game losing streak.

Ballard, 6-1, joined Stewart as the American League's only six-game winners by scattering nine hits over seven innings. Stewart, 6-1, allowed six runs and 12 hits in 6.2-3 innings. The 12 hits are the most he has allowed in a game in his career.

A crowd of 1,201, the third smallest in Orioles' history, watched the game.



Alwan and Al Saghali on their way to victory. Inset: Alwan with the trophy and later with Sheikh Nasser. (Photos by Mark Williams)

Alwan and Al Saghali take first place

UAE dominates powerboat race

By Nirmala Janssen
Arab Times staff

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES' Ali Alwan and his co-pilot Hamad Al Saghali left all the other boats struggling in their wake as they cruised to a 10-minute victory in the Second Kuwait Speedboat Race, organised by the Kuwait Seaport Club yesterday.

Alwan and Al Saghali completed the 61-nautical mile race, patronised by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah, in one hour 25 minutes and five seconds.

The race was attended on the Premier's behalf by the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

The winners were driving their home-made 28-foot Mercury boat and finished the race far ahead of Australians Geoffrey Walsh and Steve Searle in a 30-foot twin engine Mercury powerboat.

Saleh Boukefi and Ali Aamir of UAE took third place, finishing four minutes behind the Australians.

The race was dominated by participants from UAE with powerboats from that place also capturing fourth, seventh and eighth places.

The top Kuwaiti finishers were Mohammed Hamza and Arif Mussalam in fifth place. Another Kuwaiti powerboat, piloted by Sheikh Hamad Jaber Ali, Waid Al Ajami and Sami Al Ajami took the sixth position.

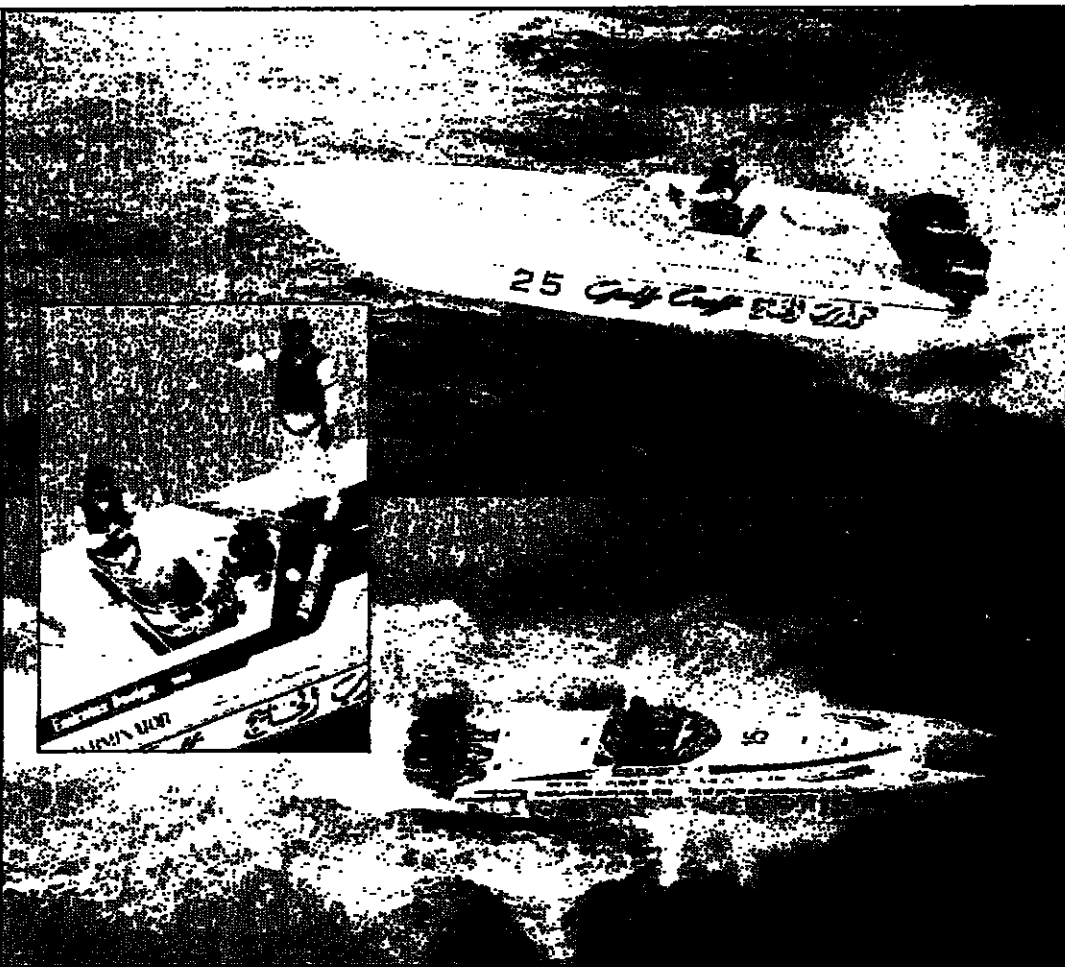
The winning team received the Kuwait Speedboat Race Trophy and KD7,000 in cash while the second and third placed teams received trophies and KD5,000 and KD3,000 respectively. Others in the eight finalists received shields, medals and an assorted amount of cash.

Of the 34 boats that registered for the race only 30 appeared at the starting line while Victory 8, a UAE entry was a non-starter. Earlier at the end of the first stage, which was at the turn off point at Ghazali Club Emirates, a 27-foot twin engine boat with Salem Jumrah and Issa Abbas stayed in the lead while Khalid Saayegh and Khalid Ibrahim in their 24 foot twin-engined Yamaha stayed a close second. They however fell back as Al Saghali took the lead throughout to win the race. Emirates took eighth place in the finale.

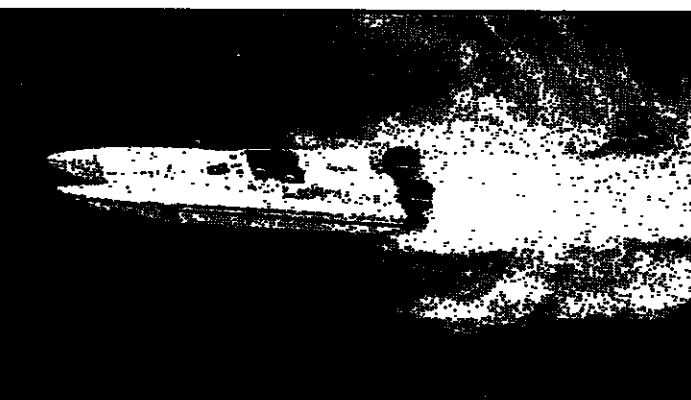
Ahmed Al Ansari and Khalid Al Ansari's boat caught fire. Both of them were rescued by



The start of the race.



Top: Saleh Boukefi, who finished third. Bottom: Sheikh Basem who later flipped his boat. Inset: Saeed Al Shaali and his co-pilot.



Mishal Al Jarallah in action.



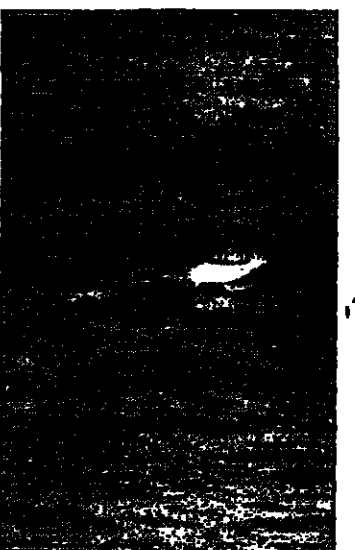
A helicopter follows the winner.



A spectator follows the race

Khalifa Al Qatami, Sheikh Basil Salem and Abdullah Jaafer were also lucky to escape injury when their boats flipped over. The former was taken to hospital.

Top placings
1. Al Shaali 1, UAE, Ali Alwan and Hamad Al Saghali
2. Caprisonne, Australia, Geoffrey Walsh and Steve Searle
3. Gulfcraft, UAE, Saleh Boukefi and Ali Aamir
4. Victory, UAE, Sheikh Saeed Al Maktoum and Sheikh Hasher Al Maktoum
5. Shahad Al Rabia, Kuwait, Mohammad Hamza and Arif Mussalam
6. Sailor, Kuwait, Sheikh Hamad Jaber Ali, Waid Al Ajami and Sami Al Ajami
7. Ahmed Bouhila and Rashed Bouhila (UAE)
8. Emirates, UAE, Salem Jumrah and Issa Abbas.



Ansari's boat burns.

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